



Many of the millions of messages are not in the form of speech, but in the form of the written word. Instead of speaking into the handset, a growing number of mobile-phone users-especially youths-are using a facility called the Short Message Service (SMS). This service allows them, at relatively little expense to type and send brief messages to each other. About 30 billion messages are exchanged every month world wide.



A British study discovered that 42 percent of youths between the ages of 18 and 24 use SMS to flirt, 20 percent use to ask a person out on a date, and 13 percent have used SMS to end a relationship.



Acronyms (are used to save space) Friends 4-ever GR8 = GreatUR ≠ 1 2 L 8 = Too LateI LUVU RUOK = Are You OK ?Txs = ThanksHAND = Have A Nice Day 2 U 2 = To You TooIC = I seeIDGI = I Don't Get ItLTNS=Long Time No See ONNA = Oh No, Not Again!B 4N=Bye For Now C 4 N = Ciao For Now

## Are you a Mobile Addict?

## Every 6 th person on our planet has a mobile addiction.

| Nº | What about you? Do the test!                                       | OTBET |
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| 1  | Can you leave your mobile phone just for a minute?                 |       |
| 2  | Do you keep on staring at the display of your phone while walking? |       |
| 3  | Do you constantly load new games?                                  |       |
| 4  | Do you constantly load new music?                                  |       |
| 5  | Do you constantly change ring-tones?                               |       |
| 6  | Do you constantly change your tariff?                              |       |
| 7  | Do you feel fear when your phone is dicharged?                     |       |
| 8  | Do you spend your last money on communication?                     |       |
| 9  | Do you have sound hallucinations of your ring-tone?                |       |
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