

# Textspeak

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and	
are	
at	
be	
because	
before	
bye	
easy	
for	
ok	
one	
see	
someone	
to, too	
tomorrow	
what?	
why?	
would	
you	
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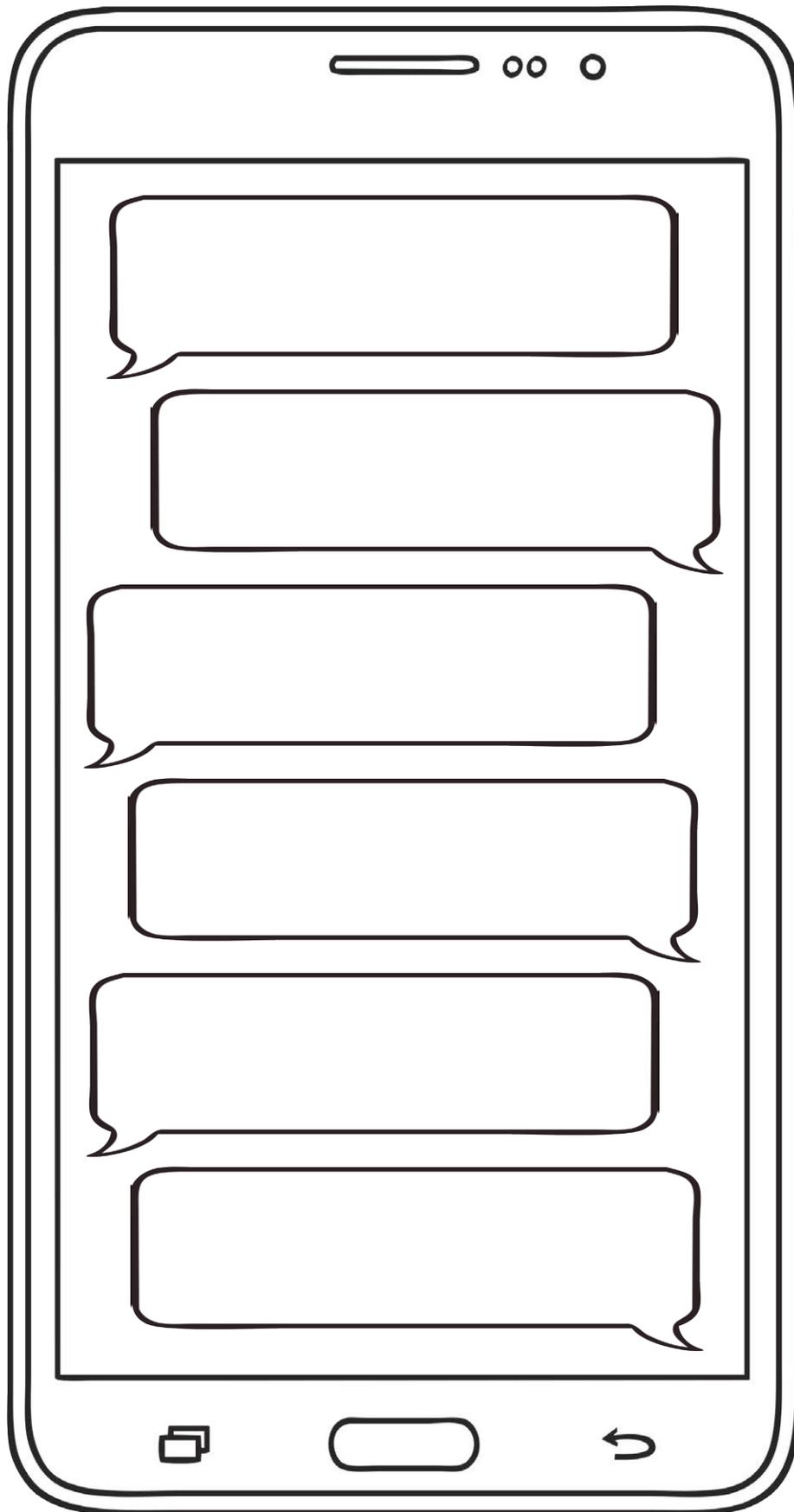
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Can you make up a text message conversation on this phone, using your completed table?



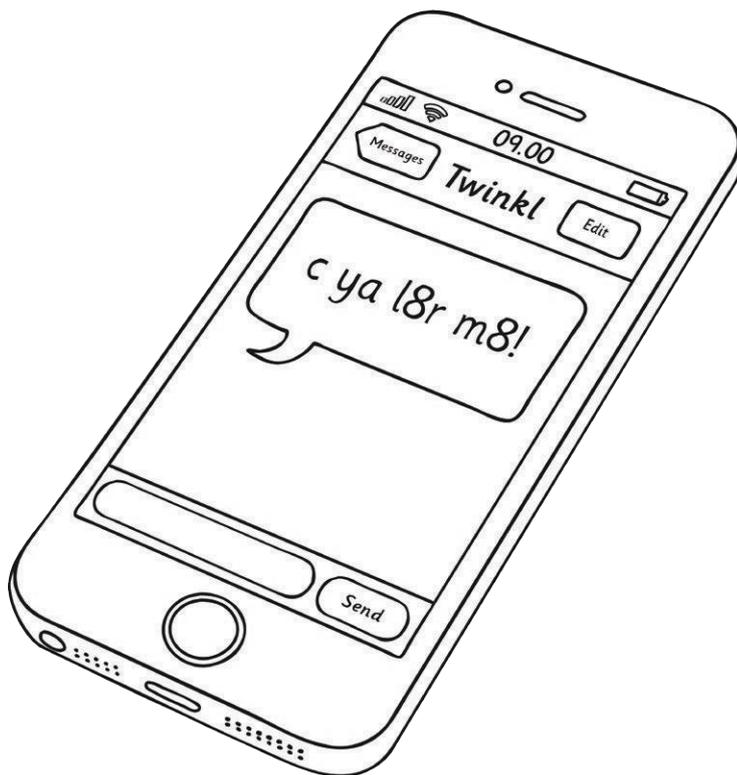
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## Part B

Use the textspeak glossary below, write a text conversation between two characters of your choice in Wonder.

SMS	English
<3	love
AFAIK	as far as I know
ALOL	actually laughing out loud
ATM	at the moment
BF	boyfriend/best friend
BRB	be right back
BTW	by the way
CD9	code 9 - parents around
CYE	check your email
gr8	great
GTG	got to go
h8	hate
HAHA	funny
IDK	I don't know
JSYK	just so you know
l8r	later
LMK	let me know
msg	message
muahaha	evil laugh
NP	no problem
OMG	oh my god
plz	please

SMS	English
POS	parent over shoulder
ppl	people
ROFL	rolling on the floor laughing
SAL	such a laugh
thx	thanks
TIME	tears in my eyes
TMB	text me back
TMS	That makes sense
UGTBK	you've got to be kidding
w/e	whatever
WAYD	what are you doing?
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★ Challenge Task ★

Can you research and make a glossary of text emoticons? One is done for you as an example.

Emoticon	Meaning
>-D	<i>Evil laugh</i>

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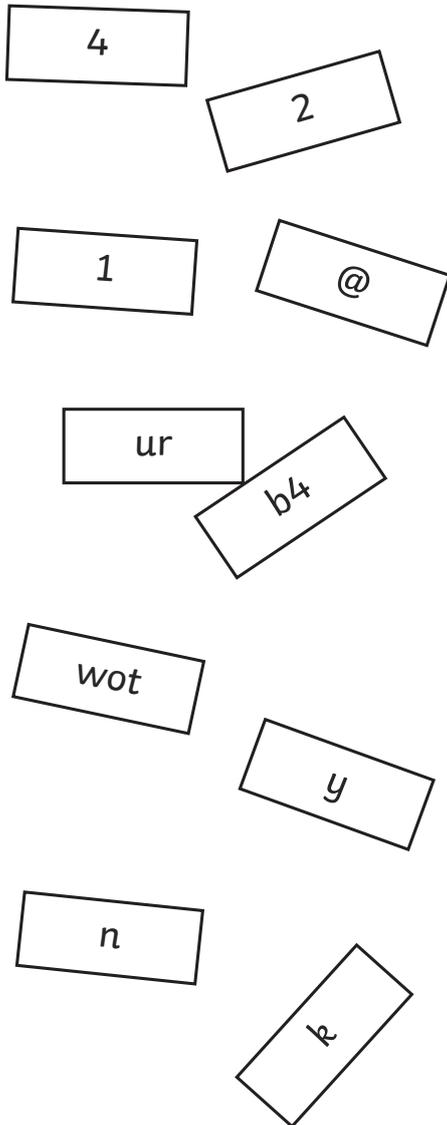
# Textspeak Answers

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easy	<i>ez</i>
for	<i>4</i>
ok	<i>k</i>
one	<i>1</i>
see	<i>c</i>
someone	<i>sum1</i>
to, too	<i>2</i>
tomorrow	<i>2moz</i>
what?	<i>wot</i>
why?	<i>y</i>
would	<i>wud</i>
you	<i>u</i>
your, you're	<i>ur</i>

