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F2F, PIR ... As a parent, do you know these and other Internet acronyms?

PIR, BRT, F2F. That might seem like gobbledygook, but in reality they are popular acronyms used on the Internet that every parent should be familiar with.

Countless children access the Internet. They use it for school projects and homework, to play games and surf Web sites. Many kids also chat online, a world with a shorthand all its own. Here are 25 common acronyms, from Internet dictionary www.netlingo.com, that you should know:

PIR – Parent in room

P911 – Parent alert

PAW/PAL – Parents are watching/listening

KPC – Keeping parents clueless

LMIRL – Let's meet in real life

ADR - Address

NAZ – Name, Address, Zip

ASL – Age/sex/location

TDTM – Talk dirty to me

BRT – Be right there

F2F – Face to face

AEAP – As early as possible

ALAP – As late as possible

OLL – Online love

RUMORF – Are you male or female?

TOM – Tomorrow

WUF – Where are you from?

WYRN – What's your real name?

SMEM – Send me an e-mail

NIFOC – Nude in front of computer

WYCM – Will you call me?

MorF – Male or Female

SorG – Straight or gay

MOOS – Members of the opposite sex

MOSS or MOTSS – Member(s) of the same sex

Many parents already take proactive steps to keep their kids safe online, including putting the family's computer in a busy area of the home, talking with their kids about the benefits and risks of the Internet, and establishing rules about being online.

In an upcoming article, we'll discuss Internet "stranger danger" and guidelines to consider to help your kids stay safe online.