

# The Joy of Text :) )

**A collection of some of the best  
–and funniest– text messages  
sent from around the world**

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**The Short Message Service (SMS) has changed world. Originally used only by phone technicians, there are now over **114 million**<sup>1</sup> text messages sent in the United Kingdom every day.**

**Time and location are no longer barriers to communication. There is no need to vocalise your thoughts. All you need is a phone **connected** to the Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) network.**

**This book contains text messages sent and received from **2002 to 2006**. Some are funny, others sad. All are thoughts made visible by the new, universal shorthand. The SMS.**

**First text message sent:**  
**December, 1992**

**SMS launched commercially in UK:**  
**1995**

**Total text messages sent in the UK:**  
**1999 1 billion**  
**2002 16.8 billion**  
**2006 41.8 billion**

**Average sent per day in 1999:**  
**2.74 million**

**Average sent per hour in 2006:**  
**4.77 million**

**Total sent on New Year's Day, 2007:**  
**214 million**

## Acknowledgements

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**Thank you to everyone who  
contributed to this book.**

**You know who you are.**

**Hi it's me, just checked my exam results and passed everything!  
Feel like a celebratory shag?**

**18-Jan-2003, 16:01:03**

**AUS**

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**Dude... Canberra's on fire...  
State of emergency declared...  
Houses lost already...  
Big blanket of smoke all over**

**11-June-2003, 14:03:13**

**UK**

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**Travel to aberdeen £50, youth  
hostel £12, me and the old man  
watching origin in scotland,  
priceless!**

**1-July-2003, 19:42:37**

**UK**

**pulled up by the cops before we even left london, nice start to the trip**

**14-Aug-2003, 09:34:38**

**AUT**

**woke up this morning to see [name withheld] passed out nude with a boner in a mixed dorm room in a hostel in austria! Everyone was awake except him and in hysterics! Captured on film, people from other rooms came in to laugh! Priceless**

**19-Aug-2003, 13:03:34**

**UK**

**Just got up. What a session, no food either. Off for egg and chips at the cafe, then maybe a video, a snooze... Hope youre feeling as shit as me.**

**25-Oct-2003, 21:23:59**

**UK**

**After we get paid, we have 2 go out 4 a curry and get shit faced out on the town. What do you reckon? We need a rock n roll nite.**

**2-Dec-2003, 16:46:36**

**AUS**

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**Hey! hope alls well with u. i tried ringing u last nite. ill b hones im not doing so well. im feeling like hitting depression again.**

**3-Feb-2004, 23:33:48**

**US**

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**Right now i wish i could hear yr voice .. i just do.**

**14-Feb-2004, 18:44:19**

**UK**

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**She said yes!**

**16-Apr-04, 11:50**

**UK**

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**2 b honest i'm under orders 2  
keep my fone off. She's in a  
changin room at present. U guys  
nearly done?**

**17-Apr-04, 14:31**

**UK**

**Mate, nothin wud b better but the missus needs sum tlc after nearlt dumpin me on tuesday. i'll keep u posted.**

**18-May-04, 19:27**

**UK**

**Just spoken to the boy - he's groggy but ok and joking. They think he may have ruptured his liver or something... we're ok to see him tomorrow am.**

**12-June-04, 17:42**

**UK**

**Hello Mr [name withheld] this is  
TESCO confirming that  
NOTTINGHAM BREAKDOWN &  
RECOVERY SERVICE are on their  
way to assist you and will be with  
you on schedule.**

**28-June-04, 22:33**

**UK**

**Heres my new number guys,  
sorry i haven't been in touch  
my moby got lost...pissed again  
wasn't i. [Name withheld] is  
still alive**

**02-July-04, 10:56**

**AUS**

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**of course im using you for text!  
You give good cuddles too! Hope  
u have nice day :)**

**04-Aug-04, 22:36**

**UK**

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**Rock and roll andy is singing tie  
me kangaroo down in genevas  
think you would like it!**

**28-Aug-04, 1:32**

**AUS**

**This is so Random, Have u seen butterfly effects? If u havent fvck watch it! The main guy reminds me of Me.. Im such Small ant in Such a Big World sometime i know why, just curious thats all Big world**

**29-Aug-04, 21:43**

**UK**

**Hello mate, was last night gud? I got well pist & past out in my friends mum & dads kitchen.**

**24-Sep-04, 10:14**

**GER**

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**Out front door turn left then left  
again the road in front me you is  
our road just follow it round**

**24-Sep-04, 10:15**

**GER**

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**Mate i meant.right and right**

**16-Oct-04, 16:28**

**UK**

**Cool - just come over after 6, have got pizza and salad and beer. Then we'll go find some beeyatchs.**

**23-Oct-04, 13:01**

**UK**

**Hey hang over king- hows the intense mind numbing throbbing? ha ha gimme a call if you recover. cheers mate. throb throb throb**

**Yoh, finally something to smile about in the canbazza. Stone fest this w/e and the weather is great. Very fond memories of fightin big skin head dudes, stealin copious amounts of grog from behind that bar, you gettin busted but let go so we could drink til we spewed. I put that night down as the reason i hate bacardi!**

**29-Nov-04, 10:29**

**UK**

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**Just heard about Jamie. Can't believe it. Heard about accident on radio. What will we do without our Jamie?**

**11-Dec-04, 13:47**

**UK**

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**Guys, thanks for a bloody good night. A top way to end a sad day. The big man will be proud of us.**

**04-Feb-05, 19:57**

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**UK**

**Hello mate. I nipt home, it was last  
min idea. Eat my chicken.**

**22-Jun-05, 23:35**

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**UK**

**Look at the moon! It's the biggest  
you'll ever see it- fact.**

**07-Jul-05, 10:10**

**UK**

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**Are you ok?**

**07-Jul-05, 11:52**

**UK**

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**R u ok? Txt, ring me, as soon  
as u can?**

**07-Jul-05, 13:08**

**UK**

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**Are you safe?**

**07-Jul-05, 22:49**

**AUS**

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**Hay mate. Been watching cnn.  
Hope you weren't around any of  
those blasts.**

**08-Jul-05, 00:14**

**AUS**

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**Hi mate i hope you're ok. I tired to call a few times and cant get through. Talk to you later.**

**08-Jul-05, 10:39**

**UK**

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**Hey, can you keep checking the nat rail website to c if liv street open yet?**

**10-Jul-05, 20:44**

**UK**

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**Lying on my bed with an e number  
come down - It's tough being a  
sugar momma!**

**18-Jul-05, 23:46**

**IRQ**

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**Made it through to the other side -  
next stop basra!**

**23-Jul-05, 10:34**

**AUS**

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**Hope ur well my friend. Heard about the second attack, stupid wankers! Talk soon**

**23-Jul-05, 23:48**

**AUS**

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**Dude im out and im fuckin hammered. We are getting tattoos when i get there. Fuck**

**18-Aug-05, 08:17**

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**UK**

**Good morning, look outside, the sun is shining, the weather is sweet! Have a good day x**

**31-Aug-05, 16:35**

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**UK**

**I'm in queens gate waiting for four women to be freed from a glass lift, today is getting weird!**

**06-Oct-05, 19:03**

**UK**

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**drunk. again.**

**15-Oct-05, 11:24**

**UK**

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**dude when u get off the ding dong  
gimme a ring ring**

**24-Feb-06, 23:26**

**UK**

**Hey sweetness, i'm hot on the cocaine trail of the city's night spots. A positive swipe in every port! I've been to more pubs than ever before...quite an insight... Wish you were here x**

**03-Mar-06, 23:18**

**AUS**

**Love it, bailed myself, still fightin the gamblin demons, not for much longer..., Im leaving this life behind me, im leavin this town behind me too...(rollins)**

hey mate, starting to get autumny here, reminded me of you. Hope youre well x

Allo gov, In queenstown, extreme sports capital of world. Been back flippin off 134m bunjy's, most people scream and fall feet first if they dont pike altogether! Chicks well impressed with my bravado/ stupidity, had 2 topless in bed same time last night, sadly blue balled by both, but not before some 3 way boosy nuzzlin! Ribs still broken, on my favourite pain killer, sweet! Peace boys Ps, also got arrested drunk and disorderly and offensive behaviour, up to 100 dollar fine, could do with [name withheld] talents when i represent myself in court this month!

**07-Sep-06, 23:37**

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**UK**

**In the east end falling in love with an 18 year old model from iceland named sif.**

**25-Nov-06, 04:02**

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**AUS**

**Dude i have been led astray.**

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