

The Abbreviations and Acronyms in Tiktok Social Media Among Z Generation

Singkatan dan Akronim dalam Media Sosial Tiktok Pada Generasi Z

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Article Information	ABSTRACT
Description Submission: 02 November 2025 Revised: 18 January 2026 Accepted: 14 March 2026 Approved: 11 May 2026	The development of social media today, especially in the TikTok application, has given rise to new ways of communicating among Z Generation. One of them is the use of abbreviations and acronyms to facilitate communication and describe the characteristics of Z's identity generation. This study aims to analyse abbreviations and acronyms in communicating on the TikTok application by Z generation. The method used is descriptive qualitative by analysing comments and writings on TikTok. The results of this study show that Z generation uses abbreviations and acronyms to simplify and shorten communication on social media. The abbreviations and acronyms used are creative, flexible, and combined with foreign languages. This shows that without realizing it, communication patterns in social media have an impact on the formation of new words/terms.
Keywords abbreviation, acronym, TikTok, generation Z, social media language	Abstrak <i>Perkembangan media sosial saat ini terutama di aplikasi TikTok, memunculkan cara baru untuk berkomunikasi di kalangan generasi Z. Salah satu yang muncul adalah penggunaan singkatan dan akronim dalam mempermudah komunikasi serta menggambarkan karakteristik identitas generasi Z. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis singkatan dan akronim dalam berkomunikasi di aplikasi TikTok oleh generasi Z. Metode yang digunakan adalah deskriptif kualitatif dengan menganalisis komentar dan tulisan yang ada di TikTok. Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa generasi Z menggunakan singkatan dan akronim untuk mempermudah dan mempersingkat berkomunikasi di media sosial. Singkatan dan akronim yang digunakan kreatif, fleksibel, dan dikombinasikan dengan Bahasa media asing. Hal ini menunjukkan bahwa tanpa disadari pola komunikasi dalam media sosial berdampak dalam pembentukan kata/istilah baru.</i>
Kata Kunci singkatan, akronim, TikTok, generasi Z, bahasa media sosial	



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1. Introduction

Language is the primary tool for everyday communication. Through language, a person can convey ideas and thoughts, form social relationships, and express specific feelings and goals. Septiana et al., (2020) state that language is a set of symbolic sounds that have no direct connection to their meaning and are used by humans to communicate and get to know one another. This is why language is so important to humans.

Language development is greatly influenced by various factors, such as culture, technological advancements (Nicolaou, 2025), cross-cultural interactions,

and other aspects. One of the most significant factors in the development of modern languages is technological advancement (Afandi, 2025; Supartini et al., 2022). The influence of social media is immense, particularly in the field of communication; social media helps give rise to numerous new languages or adaptations of specific languages in line with the times.

Slang is a form of informal language that is constantly changing and evolving, particularly among young people. It is typically concise, creative, and incorporates symbols that reflect popular cultural trends (Maria et al., 2023). On the social media platform TikTok, the slang that emerges is extremely diverse, ranging from abbreviations, wordplay, words from foreign languages, to terms understood only by specific groups (Pirdaus, et al., 2025; Sokawati et al., 2025; Astuti et al., 2014). This phenomenon is worth analyzing because it illustrates how language evolves and how Generation Z uses language to build identity and social connections (Adami, 2026). TikTok provides a space for slang to flourish through creative content such as lip-sync videos, viral challenges, memes, and sound trends that many users follow. Thus, language on this platform serves not only as a means of communication but also as an expression of lifestyle and social values (Al-Nashash, et al., 2025).

Research on slang in social media, particularly on TikTok, is still in its early stages and highly relevant to current conditions. Studies like this can enrich sociolinguistic knowledge and help us understand language variation in the digital world (Afdhaliyah et al., 2021; Mutmainah et al., 2025). The emergence of new terms influenced by technology and globalization demonstrates that language is constantly evolving in response to social and cultural developments.

Slang typically consists of abbreviations, word fragments, acronyms, and contractions. Slang consists of words that have special, unique, or different meanings from their literal definitions and are used by specific groups. Due to globalization and technology, slang is evolving rapidly and is easily found on social media platforms such as Instagram, YouTube, and others (Afria et al., 2020; Santi et al., 2022).

However, the development of slang has also had a negative impact on the Indonesian language. The slang commonly used on TikTok has the potential to supplant Indonesian, which is of vital importance as a tool for nation-building and a source of knowledge and innovation (Fitrianingsih et al., 2023; Azizah et al., 2019). Excessive use of slang online can hinder communication because not everyone understands it, whether in writing or speech. Therefore, although slang is engaging and dynamic, it is important to preserve the integrity of the Indonesian language so that it continues to serve as an effective means of communication for everyone.

Mastery and understanding of language are essential to avoid pronunciation errors that can lead to misunderstandings. In communication, both oral and written language skills can be honed through critical thinking and the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Abbreviations and acronyms are forms of simplifying words from long sentences to make them more concise and easier to pronounce (Cahyani et al., 2025; Muttaqin et al., 2024). An acronym is formed by combining syllables or letters that are pronounced as a single word,

whereas an abbreviation is a shortened form of a phrase consisting of one or more letters. Abbreviations are used to simplify communication and speed up the exchange of messages; they often refer to people's names, titles, greetings, job titles, or ranks. For example, the acronym "Sara" stands for "suku, agama, ras, dan antar golongan" (ethnicity, religion, race, and intergroup relations).

The main difference between abbreviations and acronyms lies in the way acronyms are formed, which involves combining the initial letters of syllables. Both serve to facilitate communication and speed up the delivery of messages (Deliani et al., 2023). However, the use of abbreviations and acronyms also has its drawbacks; for instance, they can hinder understanding and reduce the quality of communication if they are not contextually appropriate or effective. Therefore, it is important to consider the context and purpose of communication to ensure that the message remains clear when using abbreviations and acronyms. When used appropriately, abbreviations and acronyms can improve the quality of communication between individuals and groups.

2. Method

This study employs a qualitative method with a descriptive approach. A research method is a systematic approach to solving problems by following scientific steps. The results of research typically take the form of new theories or conclusions based on initial hypotheses. Qualitative methods focus on studying subjects in their natural settings, where the researcher serves as the primary instrument for collecting data using various techniques to ensure the accuracy of the findings. (Afria, dkk., 2020; Santi, dkk., 2022). In this study, a qualitative method was chosen to describe the use of slang by Generation Z on the TikTok app. The data collected consisted of spoken and written language, such as words or sentences in videos and comments on TikTok, which frequently feature the use of slang. The data sources consisted of statements made by members of Generation Z aged 12–27 who uploaded videos or posted comments on TikTok. To collect data, careful observation and content analysis were used to ensure that the data obtained was comprehensive and in-depth. Data analysis employed lexical distribution techniques and morphological methods.

3. Result and Discussion

According to theory, slang frequently employs abbreviations and acronyms. An abbreviation is a shortened form of a word, whereas an acronym is an abbreviation that is pronounced as a new word. A study on the use of slang on TikTok revealed numerous examples of abbreviations and acronyms. I analyzed approximately 40 instances of abbreviations and acronyms on TikTok.

a) Abbreviations

An abbreviation is a shortened form of a word consisting of one or more letters. Its purpose is to simplify writing. Abbreviations are heavily influenced by the English language and global culture, such as FYI (For Your Information), OOTD (Outfit of the Day), HTS (Relationship Without Status), LOL (Laugh Out Loud), BTW (By the Way), and others. The use of these abbreviations reflects

the influence of globalization and international popular culture among Indonesia's Generation Z. These abbreviations also indicate that they possess strong digital literacy skills.



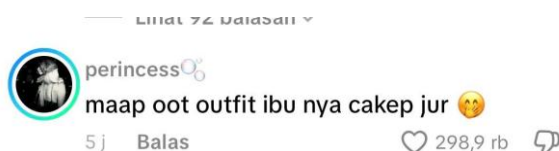
The text above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The abbreviation FYI stands for "For Your Information," which is often used to provide additional information without expecting a response or action from the recipient. FYI serves to provide further explanation, clarify the topic of conversation, or share information that the speaker considers useful.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "OOTD" is an English acronym for "Outfit of the Day"; in Indonesian, "OOTD" is used to describe the clothes or fashion style someone is wearing that day. The use of "OOTD" reflects Gen Z's creativity in expressing their identity and keeping up with fashion trends in a casual and engaging way.



The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term FOMO comes from the English phrase "Fear of Missing Out," which translates to "the fear of missing out on something" in Indonesian. This term is used to describe a social anxiety that makes people feel they must constantly keep up with the times so as not to feel left behind by whatever is currently popular.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "OOT" comes from the English phrase "Out of Topic," which means "off-topic" in Indonesian. It is used to indicate that the speaker's remarks or message do not align with the theme or issue being discussed. The purpose of "OOT" is to signal that something has strayed from the main topic of conversation.



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The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term ASAP comes from the English phrase "As Soon As Possible," which means "as soon as possible" in Indonesian. This term is used to instruct or ask someone to do something quickly. The purpose of ASAP is to emphasize that time is of the essence and to encourage a prompt response when communicating.



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The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term HTS stands for "*Hubungan Tanpa Status*" (Relationship Without a Label). In Indonesian, this term is used to describe a relationship between two people who are as close as a couple but without any formal commitment, such as dating. The term HTS is used to describe a relationship that is undefined but still involves emotional closeness.

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The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "BTW" comes from the English phrase "By the Way," which means "*ngomong-ngomong*" in Indonesian. It's used to introduce a new topic, provide additional information, or interject something else in the middle of a conversation. The purpose of "BTW" is to shift or add to the direction of the conversation in a more casual and relaxed way.



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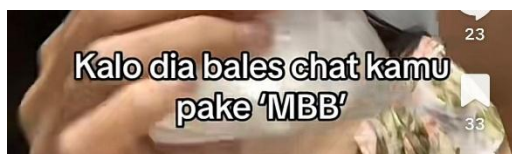
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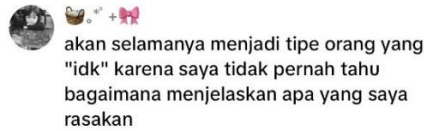


The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "LOL" comes from the English phrase "Laugh Out Loud," which means "to laugh heartily" in Indonesian. The term is used to indicate that something is considered funny or entertaining in online conversations. The function of the word "LOL" is to express laughter or amusement without having to actually laugh out loud, especially when communicating via text.

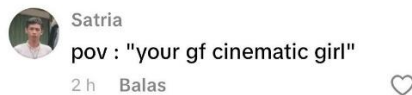


The data above comes from a post by a Gen Z user on their personal TikTok account. The term MBB stands for "*maaf baru balas*" in Indonesian. This

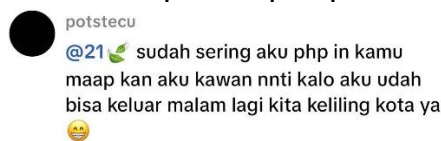
phrase is used to apologize for replying to a message late. According to Gen Z, "MBB" isn't just an expression of apology, but also a way to maintain a sense of closeness and show consideration for the person they're talking to. By writing "MBB," they come across as polite without having to type out a long message.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The abbreviation "IDK" comes from the English phrase "I Don't Know," which means "*saya tidak tahu*" in Indonesian. This term is used to express ignorance or uncertainty about something. The purpose of "IDK" is to respond to questions or situations in a casual and informal way, in line with Gen Z's communication style on social media.



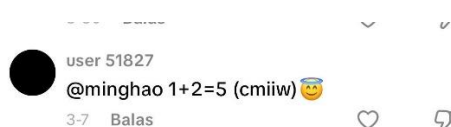
The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "POV" comes from the English phrase "Point of View," which means "*sudut pandang*" in Indonesian. This term is used to describe a condition or situation from a first-person perspective.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "PHP" stands for "*Pemberi Harapan Palsu*" ("Giver of False Hope"). This term is used to describe someone who makes sweet promises without any serious intentions in a relationship.



The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term YOLO comes from the English phrase "You Only Live Once," which means "you only live once" in Indonesian. This term is used to encourage people to enjoy life, take risks, and seek out new experiences without worrying about the future or what others might think.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The abbreviation CMIIW comes from the English phrase "Correct Me if I'm Wrong,"

which means "correct me if I'm wrong" in Indonesian. This term is used when someone shares information hesitantly or believes it might be incorrect.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The abbreviation BRB comes from the English phrase "Be Right Back," which means "I'll be right back" in Indonesian. This term is used when someone says they'll be back later, but without specifying a specific time.



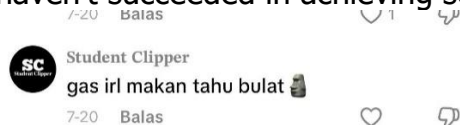
The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "BM" stands for "*Banyak Mau*" ("wants a lot"). It's used to describe someone who has a strong desire for something, such as food, goods, or other things.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "GC" stands for "*Gerak Cepat*" (Quick Action). This term is used to tell someone to do something quickly or immediately.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "NT" comes from the English phrase "Nice Try," which means "good job" in Indonesian. This term is used to acknowledge someone's effort even if they haven't succeeded in achieving something.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "IRL" comes from the English phrase "In Real Life," which translates to "Di kehidupan Nyata" in Indonesian. This term is used to distinguish between life on social media and real life or everyday life.



The data above comes from a Gen Z user's post in a TikTok video. The term TMI comes from the English phrase "Too Much Information," which means "too much information" in Indonesian. This term is used when someone shares too much information about a specific topic.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The abbreviation WFH comes from the English phrase "Work from Home," which means "working from home" in Indonesian. This term refers to someone who works from home instead of going to the office.



The data above comes from a post by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "LDR" comes from the English phrase "Long-Distance Relationship," which translates to "too much information" in Indonesian. This term is used to describe a relationship in which the couple is separated by distance, so they cannot see each other every day.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The acronym GWS comes from the English phrase "Get Well Soon," which means "Semoga Lekas Sembuh" in Indonesian. This term is used to show concern for others, whether they are friends, partners, or family members.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "NGL" comes from the English phrase "Not Gonna Lie," which means "I won't lie" in Indonesian. This term is used when speaking seriously and based on facts to make people believe you.



The information above comes from a Gen Z user's post in a TikTok video. The term PAP comes from the English phrase "Post a Picture," which means "Send a Photo" in Indonesian. This term is used to send proof when you want to do something or go somewhere.

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The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The acronym ICL comes from the English phrase "I Can't Lie," which translates to "I Can't Lie" in Indonesian. This term is used to emphasize honesty, indicating that the statement made is true.

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2023-4-2 Balas



The text above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The abbreviation "FR" comes from the English phrase "For Real," which means "Really" or "Seriously" in Indonesian. This term is used to emphasize sincerity, express agreement, or convey disbelief.

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2023-4-2 Balas



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The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The abbreviation "TBH" comes from the English phrase "To Be Honest," which means "to be honest" in Indonesian. This term is used when someone wants to express their opinion, feelings, or thoughts.



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2023-4-2 Balas



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The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term IYKYK comes from the English phrase "If You Know, You Know," which translates to "*Kalau Kamu Tahu, Kamu Tahu*" in Indonesian. This term is used to refer to a joke, experience, or piece of information that is only understood by certain people.

Lihat 4 balasan ▾



Ada lagi kak, IHACOY 😂😂

2023-6-28 Balas



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term IHACOY comes from the English phrase "I Have a Crush On You," which means "I have a crush on you" in Indonesian. This term is used to express feelings of liking or being attracted to someone.



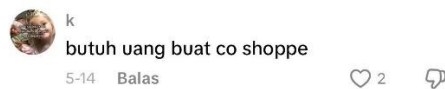
The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "DND" comes from the English phrase "Do Not Disturb," which means "*Jangan Ganggu*" in Indonesian. This term is used to let others know that you don't want to be disturbed—usually because you're busy, need to focus, or require some personal time.



The information above comes from a Gen Z user's post in a TikTok video. The term YTTA comes from the phrase "*Yang Tau-Tau Aja*." This term is used to make a conversation more interesting—it's meant only for those in the know.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The abbreviation "BU" stands for "*Butuh Uang*" (I need money). This term is used to describe someone who is in desperate need of money.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "CO" comes from the English word "checkout," which means "Recommendations Page" in Indonesian. This term refers to the process of completing an online purchase.

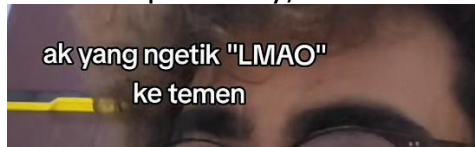


The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The acronym TBL stands for "*Takut Banget Loh*" (I'm so scared, you know). This term is used to express fear or surprise regarding a specific situation.



The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "DIY" comes from the English phrase "Do It Yourself," which means

"do it yourself" in Indonesian. This term is used to describe an activity that is done independently, without the help of a professional.



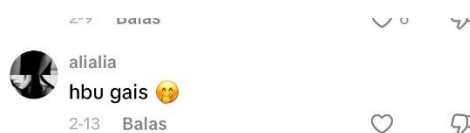
The text above is a post by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term LMAO comes from the English phrase "Laughing My Ass Off," which means "laughing uncontrollably" in Indonesian. People use this term to describe something that is extremely funny.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term WDYM comes from the English phrase "What Do You Mean," which translates to "*Apa Maksudmu*" in Indonesian. This term is used to ask for clarification or an explanation when you don't understand what someone is saying.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term GRWM comes from the English phrase "Get Ready With Me," which translates to "*Bersiaplah Bersamaku*" in Indonesian. This term is used on social media to describe content or videos in which someone gets ready for a specific activity.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "HBU" comes from the English phrase "How About You," which translates to "Recommendations Page" in Indonesian. People use this term to ask for a clarification on a statement that has been made.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "YGY" comes from the phrase "Ya Guys Ya." This term is used to convince a listener or reader of something regarding a statement.



The text above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "IDC" comes from the English phrase "I Don't Care,". This term is used to indicate that we aren't particularly concerned about the topic others are discussing.



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The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The acronym IDGAF comes from the English phrase "I don't Give a F**k," which translates to "I don't care at all" in Indonesian. This term is used to describe someone's indifference toward something.



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The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "FYP" comes from the English phrase "For Your Page," which translates to "*Halaman Rekomendasi*" in Indonesian. This term refers to content that is personalized based on a user's preferences and interactions.

b) Acronym

An acronym is a shortened form of a word or phrase commonly used to speed up communication and convey closeness or familiarity. Examples such as "*salfok*" (misplaced focus), "*samsek*" (not at all), and "*mager*" (too lazy to move), among others, reflect the fast-paced and expressive communication style characteristic of Generation Z. These abbreviations not only simplify communication but also serve as symbols of group identity.



Aprecia

Gatel pengen curcol jg deeechhh



9-26 Balas

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The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "*curcol*" is an acronym for "*curhat colongan*." It's used to describe someone who inadvertently opens up during a conversation. Typically, *curcol* happens when someone is under stress or experiencing certain emotions and, without realizing it, brings up a personal issue while discussing a different topic.



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The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The word "*salfok*" is an acronym for "*salah fokus*" (misplaced focus). This term is used to describe a situation where someone is unable to focus on the main point because they are distracted by something that catches their attention.

Typically, "*salfok*" occurs when someone pays too much attention to minor details that shouldn't matter in a given situation or conversation.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The word "*samsek*" is an acronym for "*sama sekali*" ("not at all"). This term is used to emphasize that something did not happen at all or does not exist in the slightest. In Gen Z slang, this word is often used to express refusal, indicate absence, or show disagreement in a casual and concise way.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "*bargess*" is an acronym for "*barang gesek*." This term refers to women who are already in relationships but act as if they are single or unattached in order to attract attention or gain other benefits from other men.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The word "*salting*" is an acronym for "*salah tingkah*." This term is used to describe a person who feels nervous, shy, and awkward when in certain situations, especially when meeting someone they like or when they are the center of attention. The word "*salting*" is often used to express feelings of shyness accompanied by clumsy actions or expressions.

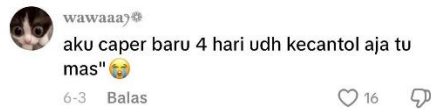


The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The word "*mager*" is an acronym for "*malas gerak*." This term is used to express a lack of motivation to move or engage in any activity. In addition to indicating laziness, "*mager*" is also used to decline an invitation due to a lack of enthusiasm or desire.



The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "*cegil*" is an acronym for "*cewe gila*" (crazy girl). This term is used to describe female characters in romantic relationships who sometimes act

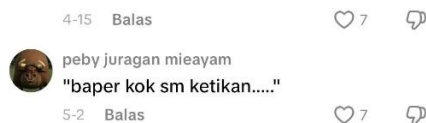
irrationally, display excessive love and obsession, are possessive, and are overly emotional.



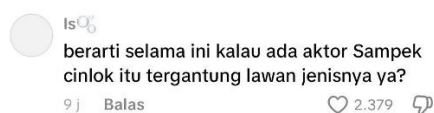
The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "*caper*" is an acronym for "seeking attention." This term is typically used to describe someone who tries to attract others' attention, usually by acting out, creating a sensation, or doing things that stand out. The word "*caper*" is often used to mock people who want to be noticed or acknowledged, whether in real life or on social media.



The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The word "*asbur*" is an acronym for "*asal bunyi*" ("just making noise"). This term is used to describe someone who speaks without thinking first. "*Asbur*" is often used to mock someone who speaks carelessly, talks without thinking, or jumps on the bandwagon without knowing what they're talking about.



The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "*baper*" is an acronym for "*bawa perasaan*" (literally, "carrying feelings"). It's used to describe someone who gets carried away by their feelings or emotions too easily, especially when reacting to an event or remark. In romantic relationships, *baper* can occur when someone misinterprets another person's behavior as a sign of interest or overreacts emotionally without a solid reason.



The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "*cinlok*" is an acronym for "*cinta lokasi*" (love at a specific location). This term is used to describe feelings of love that arise from frequent interactions and meetings at a particular place, which create a sense of comfort and attraction.



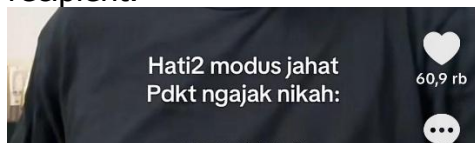
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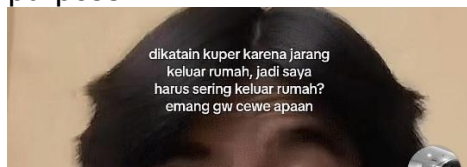
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The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "salkir" is an acronym for "salah kirim" (sent to the wrong person). This term is used to describe someone who accidentally sends a message to the wrong recipient.



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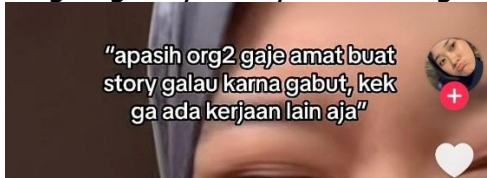
The information above comes from a Gen Z user's post in a TikTok video. The term "kuper" is an acronym for "kurang pergaulan." It's used to describe someone who doesn't socialize much or tends to keep to themselves.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "fotbar" is an acronym for "foto bareng" (group photo). This term is used to describe the act of taking a group photo to capture special moments with family, friends, and others.



The text above is a comment by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The word "ngabrut" is an acronym for "ngakak brutal." This term is used to describe laughing very loudly or bursting into laughter because something is funny.



The information above comes from a Gen Z user's post in a TikTok video. The term "gabut" is an acronym for "gaji buta". This term is used to describe someone who works without actually performing their duties but still receives a salary. However, Gen Z uses this term to describe a state of boredom, where someone is at a loss as to what to do because they have no tasks to complete.



The data above comes from a Gen Z user's post in a TikTok video. The term "komuk" is an acronym for "kondisi muka" (facial condition). This term is used to describe a person's facial expression in a specific situation, such as when their expression looks funny, strange, or uncontrolled.



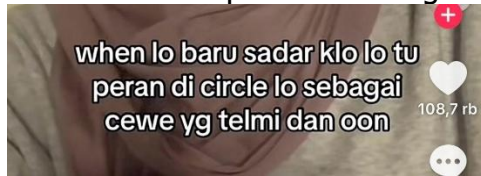
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The information above comes from a Gen Z user's post in a TikTok video. The term "tartig" is an acronym for "Tarik tiga." This term is used to describe a situation where more than one person rides on the back of a motorcycle.



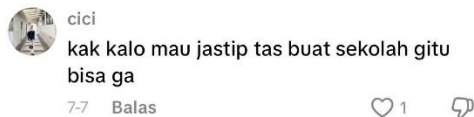
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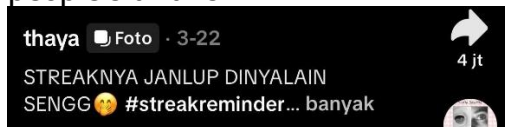
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The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "*jastip*" is an acronym for "*jasa titip*." It refers to someone who acts as an intermediary, helping others purchase items that are hard to find or from stores with scarce inventory, in exchange for a service fee paid by the buyer.



The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The word "*kepo*" is an acronym for "knowing every particular object." This term is used to describe someone who is highly or excessively curious about other people's affairs.



The information above describes a Gen Z individual in a TikTok video. The word "*janlup*" is an acronym for "*jangan lupa*" (don't forget). This term is used to remind someone not to forget to do something specific.

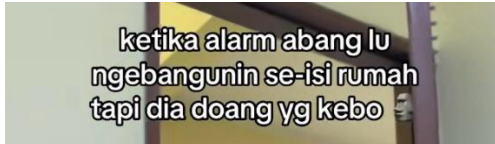


The quote above is a comment made by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The word "*kudet*" is an acronym for "*kurang update*" (out of touch). This term is

used to describe someone whose style of dress or behavior is out of step with the times.



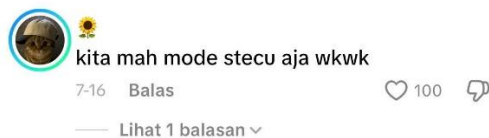
The text above is a post by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The word "manjiw" is an acronym for "mantap jiwa." This term is used to express admiration for someone who is considered awesome or cool; "manjiw" is almost the same as "mantul."



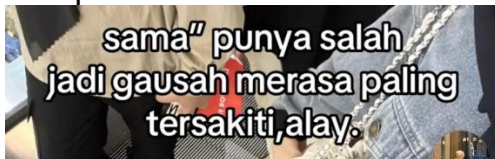
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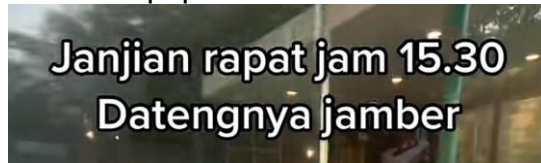


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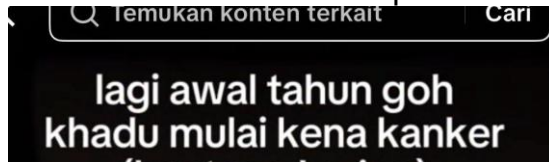


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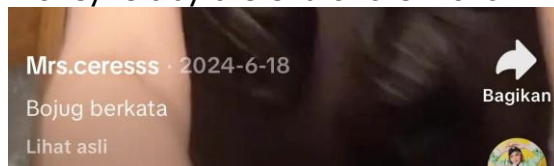
someone who tries to boost their social status by associating with people who are more popular.



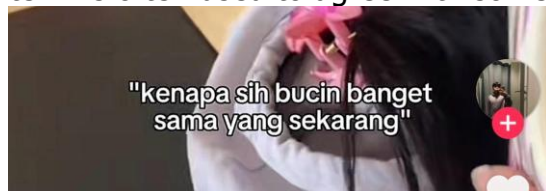
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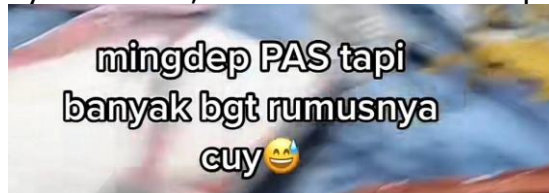
The information above comes from a Gen Z user's post in a TikTok video. The term "*kanker*" is an acronym for "*kantong kering*" (empty wallet). It's used to describe someone who's struggling financially—usually someone who has no money left by the end of the month.



The information above describes a Gen Z individual in a TikTok video. The word "*bojug*" is an acronym for "*boleh juga*" (which means "that's okay"). This term is often used to agree with someone's opinion or suggestion.



The information above comes from a Gen Z user's post in a TikTok video. The term "*bucin*" is an acronym for "*budak cinta*" (love slave). It's used to describe someone who has a hard time letting go of the past, is still often haunted by memories, or finds it difficult to open their heart to new people.



The text above is a post by a Gen Z user in a TikTok video. The term "mingdep" is an acronym for "next week." People use this term to indicate when a specific activity will take place.

The use of abbreviations and acronyms on the social media platform TikTok among Generation Z is not merely a linguistic phenomenon, but a complex manifestation of communication adaptation in the digital age, which has its own specific characteristics. As digital natives, Generation Z has transformed language

into a cultural code that serves a dual purpose: as a tool for efficient communication and as a marker of group identity. On platforms like TikTok, which are dominated by short-form visual and audio content, abbreviations have emerged as a response to space and time constraints, enabling messages to be conveyed quickly without altering their intent, purpose, or meaning.

More deeply, acronyms are not merely a way to shorten words; they have become a kind of social dialect that reinforces a sense of identity and solidarity within a community. This usage is dynamic and contextual, heavily influenced by rapidly changing trends in the digital world, where an acronym can go viral in a matter of days but is also easily forgotten.

These linguistic phenomena also reflect how this generation constructs social hierarchies; those who understand and use these codes correctly are considered part of the in-group, while those who do not understand them are excluded. As a result, abbreviations and acronyms on TikTok have evolved from mere communication tools into markers of digital literacy and social capital within the Generation Z ecosystem, while also demonstrating how the platform's influence on content formats profoundly shapes its users' language behavior.

4. Conclusion

Based on the research findings, it can be concluded that the use of abbreviations and acronyms on the social media platform TikTok is a highly distinctive feature of Generation Z's communication in today's digital age. The use of abbreviations and acronyms serves to speed up communication, convey messages more efficiently, and reinforce Generation Z's identity. Generation Z uses abbreviations such as FYI, BTW, LOL, and others, most of which are influenced by foreign languages and global culture. Meanwhile, acronyms like mager, salfo, caper, and others are a blend of Indonesian developed by Generation Z that reflects a casual and expressive style of language.

This study demonstrates that language continues to evolve alongside technological advancements and cultural trends. The use of abbreviations and acronyms serves not only as a means of communication but also as a form of self-expression and a marker of a particular generation or community on social media. However, it is extremely important that we remain mindful of our use of slang on social media so as not to undermine the value and function of standard Indonesian as a unifying language and a means of national communication.

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