Chat, E-Mail and chat room slang and acronyms

AAK Alive And Kicking
AAR At Any Rate
AAS Alive And Smiling
ADN Any Day Now
AFAIK As Far As I Know
AFK Away From the Keyboard
AFN that's All For Now
AOTA All Of The Above
a/s/l or asl Age/Sex/Location - (used to ask a chatter their personal information)
Avatar - Graphical representation (a picture) often used in chat rooms to depict a person that is in the room and chatting.
b4 Before
BAK Back At Keyboard (I'm back)
BBL Be Back Later
BBS Be Back Soon
BCNU I'll Be Seeing You.
b/f Boyfriend (also shown as bf, B/F, or BF)
BFN Bye For Now
boot To get kicked out of a chat room, or have to restart the computer because you couldn't talk in the chat room anymore.
BR Best Regards
BRB Be Right Back
BRH Be Right Here
BTA But Then Again....
BTW By The Way
btw BeTWeen you and me ...
chat room A web page where people gather using software that allows them to 'talk' to one another in real time.
CU See You - also posted as cya
CNP Continued in Next Post (seen more on message boards than chat)
CP Chat Post
CUL8R See You Later
CUOL See You On Line
CYA See Ya
dd, ds, dh Darling or Dear: Dear Son, Dear Daughter, or Dear Husband. Usually exchanged in family chats.
DEGT Don't Even Go There (I don't want to talk about it)
DIKU Do I Know You?
DIS  Did I Say
D/L, DL, d/l, dl  Downloading, or Download it.
EM  E-Mail
EMA E-mail Address (example: ?ema or ema? = what is your email address)
EOT  End Of Thread (meaning end of discussion)
ez or EZ  easy
F2F  Face To Face
FAQ  Frequently Asked Question
FISH First In Still Here (someone who is on line TOO much)
FITB  Fill In The Blanks
flame to insult someone. Used when a person asks a stupid question, or says something rude to irritate the users of a chat room or message board.
FOCL  Falling Off Chair - Laughing
forum  What today’s message boards are called. Often using php as defining language to quickly write 'real time' messages and replies to a web site (or page)
FUBAR "Fouled" Up Beyond All Repair / Recognition
FUD  Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt
FWIW  For What It's Worth
FYI  For Your Information
GA  Go Ahead
GAL  Get A Life
gest  Gesture ... a small multimedia file played over the internet, usually expressing an emotion or comment.
g/f  Girlfriend (also shown as gf, G/F, or GF)
GFN  Gone For Now
GGOH  Gotta Get Outta Here
GMTA Great Minds Think Alike
GR  Gotta Run
GR&D Grinning, Running, and Ducking.
GTR  Got To Run
GTRM  Going To Read Mail (leaving chat room to check email)
H&K Hugs and Kisses
hack person who breaks into software, or disrupts a chat room.
HAGD  Have A Good Day
HAGO Have A Good One
HB  Hurry Back
Hosts  Refers to the people that are running the chat room, they usually have the ability to kick a person off due to rude behavior.
HTH  Hope That Helps
huggles  Hugs
IAC  In Any Case
IB  I'm Back
IC  I See
IDN  I Don't kNow
IDK  I Don't Know
IDTS  I Don't Think So
IANAL  I'm Am Not A Lawyer (expect an uninformed opinion)
IC  I See
ICQ  I Seek You. A computer program used to communicate instantly over the Internet.
ILU or ILY  I Love You
IM  Instant Message
IMHO  In My Humble Opinion (or In My Honest Opinion)
IMO  In My Opinion
IOH  I'm Out of Here
IOW  In Other Words
IRL  In Real Life
IYO  In Your Opinion
JAS  Just A Second
JIC  Just In Case
JK  Just Kidding
JMO  Just My Opinion
JW  Just Wondering
k, K, or kk  O. K.
KIT  Keep In Touch
LOL  Laughing Out Loud
LTNS  Long Time No See
LTS  Laughing To ones Self
LY  I Love Ya.
LYL  Love You Lots
Message Board. A web page where people write comments, and those comments are than added to that web-page for others to view. Used to carry on conversation, request information, and relay messages.
MUG  Refers to a new user of that chat program, goes back to Excite VP days when the AV (or icon) that represented someone new was a picture of a coffee mug.
NE1  Anyone
newbie  refers to a person who is new to an area or technology. Also seen as nube, nooby, nubie, nb, etc.
NIMBY  Not In My Back Yard
nm, or NM  Never Mind
NP, np  No Problem
NRN  1. No Response Necessary
     2. Not Right Now
NT  No Thanks
OBTW  Oh, By The Way.
OIC  Oh, I See
OF  Old Fart, someone who has been around for a while.
OJ or OK  Only Joking or Only Kidding
OL  the Old Lady
OM  the Old Man
OMG  Oh My Gosh
OT  Off Topic
oth or OTH  Off The Hook: Something is really popular
otr or OTR  Off The Rack: Saying that something is outside the ordinary.
OTE  Over The Edge (beyond common sense or beyond good taste)
OTOH  On The Other Hand ...
OTOMH  Off the Top of My Head ...
OTW  On The Way ... I've sent a file to you, it's "On the way"
PANS  Pretty Awesome New Stuff (often referring to computer technology)
PCMCIA  Personal Computer Memory Cards International Association
PCMCIA  People Can't Master Computer Industry Acronyms (slang)
PEBCAK  Problem Exists Between Chair And Keyboard
peeps  People. example: "There sure are a lot of peeps in this room" - meaning a lot of people are in the chat room.
peep this  Hey, listen to this
PLZ  Please
PMJI  Pardon Me for Jumping In (when you enter into a new conversation)
POTS  Plain Old Telephone Service
POS  Parents are looking Over my Shoulder.
POTS  Parents Over The Shoulder - (My parents are watching, I can't really talk)
PPL  People
QT  Cutie
RFC  Request For Comments (used more in newsgroups, a page or pages that supply technical information)
rl or RL  Real Life (as opposed to being online)
r m or RM  Ready Made: pre-existing
ROFL  Rolling On Floor, Laughing
RSN  Real Soon Now
Real Time (also: RT, or rt)
RU aRe yoU?
SH Same Here
SMS Short Message Service (more cell phones and pagers than chat rooms and the Internet)
SN Screen Name. The name or moniker selected by person in an IM or chat program.
SO Significant Other
SOTA State Of The Art (latest technology)
SPST Same Place, Same Time
STW Search The Web
SY Sincerely Yours
SYL See You Later
TAFN That's All For Now
TC Take Care
TGIF Thank Goodness It's Friday
THX Thanks!
TIA Thanks In Advance
TM Text Message (often refers to communications with text over cell phones)
TMI Too Much Information
TNT 'Til Next Time
TPS That's Pretty Stupid
TPTB The Powers That Be
TRDMF Tears Running Down My Face: Can be with either laughter, or due to sadness.
TTFN Ta-Ta For Now
TTTT These Things Take Time
TTYL Talk To You Later
TY Thank You
TYT Take Your Time
TYVM Thank You Very Much
VPPH Virtual Places Page Host
USA or USA Until Sides Ache
UV Unpleasant Visual
UW yoU're Welcome
WB Welcome Back
WC Welcome
WEU What's Eating You?
WFM Works For Me
WIIFM What's In It For Me?
WTG Way To Go
WTGP? Want To Go Private? (move to a private chat room)
YAA Yet Another Acronym
Emoticons: (symbols used to display feeling)

Note: For these little things called "emoticons" often the idea is to turn your head sideways, and it makes a picture on a lot of the smiley faces. ;-) for example where the ; (semi-colon) are the eyes, the - is the nose, and the ) is the mouth. Also, you see some people use the hyphen (-) to show the nose, while others will show the same expression without the nose. Example: ;-) and ;) signify the same thing.

| *s*, *S*, <s>, = smile | *g*, <g> = grin | xoxo = hugs and kisses | huggggggssssss = huggs |
| *w*, <w> = wink | *g*, = giggles | *k*, *K* = kiss | ;)-~~~~~~~~ = giving someone the raspberries. |
| (((((person))))) = giving them a virtual hug. | \_/ = glass with a drink | ^5 = high five | ?^ = What's Up? |
| \_/? = a cup of tea | [ ]> + Cup of coffee | @@@ = Cookies | @--/=-- = a rose |
| :-) .. smile | :-) ... wink | <:-| ... curious | (~) ... cute |
| :-(- ... sad | 8-) ... wears glasses | :-} ... embarrassed | :-/- ... perplexed, confused |
| :-(- or ;-( .... to cry | ::= ... pouting | >:-(...) ... angry | 0:-) ... angel |
| :|= ... bored or no opinion | :-> ... grin/mischiefous | | |
| :-o ... talking, or surprised | >:-|| ... mad / angry | :-D ... big grin or laugh | =:-O ... scared |
| :-x ... keeping mouth shut | :=o) ... smiles (w/nose) | :-)))))) ... lots of smiles | :-P ... sticking tongue out |
| # 8 - ) ... nerd | &-( ... crying | !:-) .. I have an idea | :P ... sticking tongue out |
| ;)-( ... sexy tongue - or drunk | ;~) ... being cute | c[*] ... coffee mug | [ ]> ... another cup or mug |
0 can be O or vice versa, (the letter and the number are often interchangeable)
1 = won or one, (1dr = wonder)
2 = too, to, or two,
3 = the letter E, (so 's33 U' means See you)
4 = for, four, or a prefix or suffix of 'fore. (b4 = before, 4warned = forewarned),
8 is usually either a pair of eyes, glasses, or ate, although it gets used a lot for making pictures,
9 is a good thing (he was dressed to the 9s means he was all dressed up),
B = be,
C = see, (IC means I see)
G = gee,
K = OK, (so k, or kk means I'm OK)
M = am,
N = in,
O = oh,
R = Are,
U = You,
g = grin,
s = smile