

Jeanne-Marie Gaebler: Texting Pride and Prejudice

Mrs. Bennett to Mr. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 10:23 am.
Hey honey, hope you had a good day so far. Guess what happened: The new family moved in next door this morning. They're called Darcy and they have two cars AND a convertible! x

Mr. Bennett to Mrs. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 10:32 am.
Hey hun, as long as they don't listen to techno in their free time... How about you go over there and welcome them? If they're nice they could come over 4 dinner some time. Friday night would b good.

Mrs. Bennett to Mr. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 10:34 am.
We're at Bingleys' house Friday 6pm. Will see what I can do about the Darcys. Remember to ask Clive about the ski resort!

2 missed calls by: ICE Mrs. Bennett, 10:57 am.

Mrs. Bennett to Mr. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 10:58 am.
OMG! Where are you? Why r u not answering ur phone?? Have just been over to the Darcys and their son is HOT!! Should hook him up with Betty! Call me!

Mr. Bennett to Mrs. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 11:20 am.
Sorry, can't call you, am @ this boring conference with Smithfield. Betty is only 16, honey, so take it easy on the Darcys, okay?

Mrs. Bennett to Betty, sent: 06/07/2011, 11:20 am.
Betty, darling, what r u doing for ur birthday? U should invite Fitzwilliam, he's the son of our new neighbours. Guess what he got for his 18th birthday: an Audi A2 convertible!! In red! LOL Mom

Betty to Mrs. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 11:24 am.
Mom! He's not even cute. Checked him out on facebook & he states coronation street as his fave TV series. Even nan stopped watching that yrs ago!

Mrs. Bennett to Betty, sent: 06/07/2011, 11:25 am.
Oh come on, sweetie! A single man in possession of a good car must be in want of a wife. At least send him an invite on facebook!

Mrs. Bennett to Mr. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 11:26 am.
I googled the Darcys and he works in media! Apparently the wife is in the fashion biz. You should go talk to them, I bet they have contacts in LA. So exciting!! x

Mr. Bennett to Mrs. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 11:58 am.
Darling, please let's talk about this 2nite. I'm trying 2 work here! Don't u have stuff to do 2? Love u!

Betty to Mr. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 12:27 pm.
Hey Daddy! Mom is trying 2 set me up with that Darcy guy! Help!! :-(Have u checked him out? He's such a nerd! x

Betty to Mrs. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 12:29 pm.
Mom, if u like him so much, go and watch coronation street with him urself! If u invite him 2 my bday party, I'll never talk 2 u again! :-(

Mrs. Bennett to Betty, sent: 06/07/2011, 12:30 pm.
Oh honey, don't be daft. Just chatted with him on facebook & have told him about u. He says he would love to come. He doesn't know anybody in London yet! You could poke him at least. :-) x Mom

Betty to Mrs. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 12:39 pm.
Mom! You're friends with him on fb already?? U don't even know him. And fyi: poking is a sex invite! That's soooo cheap!

Mr. Bennett to Betty, sent: 06/07/2011, 1:24 pm.
Betty love, don't worry, have tried 2 tell ur mom off. U know her. Think she should take up Yoga again to calm down hehe.

Betty to Mr. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 1:27 pm.
Yoga? Rofl! More like kickboxing 2 get rid of her energy... ;-)
Please, you must talk to her!

Mrs. Bennett to Betty, sent: 06/07/2011, 1:29 pm.
What!?! Poking is a sex invite? How do you know that? Will poke ur dad then! *giggle*

Betty to Mrs. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 1:42 pm.
I just know! And btw: y is he still living with his parents? So uncool! Ewww and don't tell me about u and dad! x

Mrs. Bennett to Mr. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 1:43 pm.
Oh ur such a silly man! Let me have some fun with the young ones. Betty and Fitzwill would go perfect together so have invited the Darcys for next Wed.

Mr. Bennett to Mrs. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 2:24 pm.
Oh fine then. Will c u 4 tea tonite. xx

Mr. Bennett to Betty, sent: 06/07/2011, 2:25 pm.
Disaster is inevitable: Darcys r coming over Wed nite. Sry! We'll see how it goes, ok? U don't have 2 marry him just yet ;-)
Love, Dad

Betty to Mr. Bennett, sent: 06/07/2011, 2:28 pm.
Haha, very funny, dad. Y can't Jane have him? She never gets any action anyway... :-P

Index:

@ = at

b = be

biz = business

btw = by the way

ewww = statement of disgust

fb = facebook

fyi = for your information

ICE = in case of emergency (abbreviation used to label persons in mobile's contacts to be notified when phone's owner is found unconscious)

LOL = Lots of love

OMG = oh my god

rofl = Roll on floor laughing

sry = sorry

u = you

ur = your

Wed = Wednesday

x = kiss

y = why

2 = to/ too

2nite = tonight

4 = for

* = emotions are usually framed by this sign in chat language as well as in text messages