

GEN-ALPHA TERMS

AFK	Stands for “away from keyboard.”
Ate/Ate That	Means you successfully did something; you pulled it off. “I saw your prom pics on insta, you totally ate that look.” In prior generations it meant that someone took a nasty fall. If it’s used as “That ate!” that means it was bad or didn’t work.
Avatar	What a player’s character looks like in the game.
Bae	Often a pet name for a significant other or crush. Short for “baby.”
Based	Confident and authentic. “He’s based.”
Beige Flag	A quality or characteristic of a significant other that is weird or off-putting, but not enough to reject them.
Benching	Just like in sports, benching someone in dating means putting them to the side to date other people.
Bet	A response indicating agreement. Example: “Wanna go to the store?” “Bet.”
Body Count	The number of people someone has slept with.
Breadcrumbing	When someone leads you on by flirting and making you feel special but without any intention to actually commit to a relationship.
Bussin’	Awesome. Example: “These tacos are bussin’.”
Cake	Used to describe a large bottom (behind).
Cappin’	Lying. “No cap!” means “I’m not lying.”
Cart	Cartridge for a vaporizer.
Chad	A hypersexual young man.
Cheugy	Used to describe someone or something that is basic, out of date, or trying too hard.

Coney	Slang for penis.
Cringe	Causing feelings of embarrassment or awkwardness.
Cuffing/Cuffing Season	“Cuffing” simply means to get into a relationship.
Deb	Used when something is really funny or embarrassing. Example: “That meme has me deb!”
Delulu	Short for “delusional” and used when someone has unrealistic fantasies or wishful thinking.
Drip	Style, great fashion sense, flashy accessories.
Egirl/Eboy	A young person with emo-inspired, punk-rock style.
FINSTA	Fake Instagram account.
Fire	Amazing, good, desirable.
Hits Different	When something is better than it normally is because of different circumstances. Example: “A cold soda just hits different when it’s super-hot outside.”
IYKYK	“If you know you know” suggest that only certain people will understand the reference.
KMS	Kill myself.
KYS	Kill yourself.
Left No Crumbs	A phrase that means you did something perfectly.
Let Him Cook	Do not interfere.
Opp	Someone you are not on good terms with (an opponent).
Pink Flag	Based on the idea of red flag; pink flags are a step down.
Plug	Term used to refer to someone who can “connect” you with drugs; a drug dealer.
Pwned	Pronounced “poned” (like moaned), this term is a variation of “owned.”
Rizz	Derived from “charisma.” Someone who has “game” when it comes to romantic pursuits. Example: “Taylor has that rizz, they’re so charming.” To “rizz up” means flirt.

Shading	Where teens gossip about another party without naming them; also “throw shade” means to talk disrespectfully about someone.
Ship	Short for “relationship”; also used as a verb to indicate a desire to see two people together. Example: }l ship Taylor and Jamie.”
Sigma	Means independent. Going against the norm.
Skibidi	Cool or Bad. “That shirt is skibidi.” Or “What the skibidi?”
Slay	Doing a good job or looking stylish.
Sus	Short for “suspicious.”
Swoop	To be picked up in an automobile.
TBH	To be honest.
TDTM	Talk dirty to me.
Tea	Gossip or interesting news shared between friends.
Thicc	Having an attractive, curvy body.
Thirsty	Desperate for attention, usually sexual or romantic attention.
V	Very.
Vibing	Chilling out, having a good time, or identifying with a certain kind of energy.
VSCO girl	A style characterized by Hydro Flask, Crocs, and scrunchies.
WYA	Where you at?
WYD	What you doing?

