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1. Introduction

In this paper I will review the effects of the SMS language on the English language grammar skills, acquisition, spelling, reading and formal writing among students and children. SMS language which is also known as 'textese' or 'texting language' is the abbreviated language that is commonly used with mobile phone text messaging or other Internet-based communication such as email and instant messaging.

Three features of early mobile phone messaging encouraged users to use abbreviations:

- 1. Text entry was difficult, requiring multiple key presses on a small keypad to generate each letter;
- 2. Messages were limited to 160 characters
- 3. It made texting faster.

This paper deals with written language alone and not the spoken language and I would like to explore the claim that says that texting make great changes in the English language skills and I would like to strengthen the idea that these changes are good and helps students and children to improve their skills. There are positive reviews and there are negative reviews that may lead to some conclusions at this matter.

1.1 Literature review

Modern writing has led to the creation of a new language that was produced by innovative technologies which introduced a new spelling system and informal written text. The new writing system is characterized by its abbreviated style, thus in the modern realty of smartphones and computers texting there are teachers and parents who think that students and children don't understand any other language than this new texting language or as it called "SMS language".

The term 'texting' in is in use when we text someone and we use abbreviations and some other methods to write a fast and short message. It does not mean that we keep the rules of grammar intact; moreover we break the rules of spelling while we write instant messages. (Vosloo, 2009)

Young people have replaced books and live interaction with short messaging services (SMS, chats, WhatsApp etc) and social networks. When writing these text messages the formality, manners and spelling rules are being forgotten.

SMS language has many names (txt-speak textese, txto, etc) and in our days SMS is the most common way to communicate with each other and according to Simona B.B and LL.PALEA "every minute, nearly 50,000 messages are sent worldwide". In 2014 there were more than 200 billion messages transferred around the world (BOŞTINĂ-B & Palea, 2015)

The use of text messaging was invented originally for the means of commercials and some kind of mobile services. However it turned out to be our daily tool for communication with each other. This phenomenon of a new form of a language is quite rare and that is why many linguists and language researchers are fascinated by this "text language".