

WhatsApp Review: My Cousin's Texting Saga Says it All!

I was at my cousin's place. Like a typical Gen Z, he was hunched over his phone, brows knitted in deep concentration, fingers tapping religiously on the screen, as if the words he was typing might just leap out. I am amused by this digital devotion, his sheer will to bend the Universe through his texting conviction.

"Bro, what do you think you are *doing*?" I ask. He mutters a distracted, "Huh?"

"Bro, *look at me!*" I almost shout this time, and he finally turns around, a bit flabbergasted, eyes wide like a deer caught in the headlights.

I assess him coolly and ask the most insane question: "Bro, what's your take on WhatsApp? Do you like it? Is it safe?" He groans, hurling some expletives, but finally caves in, ready to dish.

And here's the review of the famous messaging app in his words.

It works alright. He says. That's high coming from someone who lives and breathes everything digital. Plug in your number, and you're in. The user interface is clean. No fuss, no clutter. The app is sleek for group chats, for firing off memes, planning hangouts, or roasting friends. Voice notes are super useful for quick updates. And sharing pics or videos? Works like magic. Video calls hold strong, even on spotty Wi-Fi. No ads, no fees. Just pure, uninterrupted communication.

End-to-end encryption is legit. He approves. Brownie points for disappearing messages and deleted conversations. Nobody can read your messages. Not even WhatsApp. Community channels make way for good networking.

On the flipside, data backup drives him insane. Every time he switches between Android and iOS, most communication is lost because both store data differently. He laments that there is no control over the content shared on the platform. Sometimes the messages are too gruesome to read. Not an ideal app for office or school work. Unlike Slack, Discord, or Telegram, you simply can not send large files. And if you're looking to send a great party picture, it is totally a buzzkill. He says he wouldn't recommend sharing HD images or professionally shot photographs over WhatsApp (although it's pretty easy to do) because the picture quality doesn't live up to the mark.

Overall, it is a good app for personal use, and if you are looking for a professional upgrade, then watch out for those setbacks, or better stick to those apps that offer exactly what you need.