

Stan Twitter for Dummies

List of twitter terms

NOTE: A lot of AAVE terms have been called "Stan language", but since this is untrue I've left them out of this doc. you can find some words/phrases in this [AAVE Carrd](#) . This is not a complete list, if you'd like to learn more, do some research of your own.

Rt - retweet

Qrt - quote retweet ("retweet with comment")

Pqrt/Invisible Qrt - Private quote retweet, when someone with a private twitter account *Qrts* your tweet, but since you don't follow them, you can't see what they're saying. Typically used against people you don't like or have said something you disagree with.

Lrt - Meaning "Last retweet". Used in reference to the last *tweet* a user *rted*. Eg. "LRT SO PRETTY"

Dm/Pm - Direct Messages/Personal Messages

Pfp - Short for "Profile Picture" this is the picture that will be seen on your *tweets*.

Header - The 1263px x 421px image located above your entire account. Only visible when viewing your account page.

Stan - Alternate word for Fan. (Typically painted in a bad light, though they are mainly just normal fans.)

Oomf - one of my followers/friends (can be used in place of a name, eg "oomf is making me cry")

Moot - common spelling for "*mutual*"

Mutual - when someone you follow is following you back

Twt/Twtr - short forms for twitter

Rant/Priv - A private account used to vent, rant, or spam.

Dn - shortened form of "*Display name*"

Display Name - The name displayed above your username, typically used to showcase important info

Prns - Short for pronouns

Neoprns - Short for neopronouns

Bio - A user's *Bio* can be found on their account. Underneath their username, it is a box of text used for a description of the user.

TL/Tml - Short for "Timeline" this term refers to the homepage of twitter, where tweets from people you follow appear.

Countdown - You might notice someone's *DN* has random numbers in it, this is known as a *countdown*. This is exactly what it sounds like, it's a countdown to any important or impactful event in the user's life.

"NAME" DAY - Another typical item to see in a stan's *DN*. When a person has, for example, "KATE DAY" in their *DN*, it could mean one of two things. 1) If you're on stan twitter for A MUSICIAN/BAND, it may mean the stan who's name is there is going to a concert, and their friends are hyping them up. 2) if you are not on Music *Twt*, then it's a stan's birthday, and their friends are hyping them up.

Pinned - *Pinned* refers to a user's *pinned* tweet. This tweet may hold valuable information about the user or just something important they want everyone to see.

CC - Commonly standing for "CuriousCat", *CC* refers to the anonymous messenger site (much like tellonym, sarahah, thiscrush, etc) that the majority of twitter *stans* use for their followers to send them messages to answer. Also stands for Content Creator (Eg. a youtuber or streamer) or Comfort Character.

Carrd - Carrd.co is a website that allows users to neatly, yet uniquely, showcase information about them that might not fit into their *bio* or *pinned tweet*.

Pronouny - Another information sharing website, *Pronouny.xyz* allows you to share all sets of pronouns you prefer (including neopronouns), and all names you go by.

Mentioning - When someone writes "@YourUsername", this will give you a notification that they have "mentioned" you. It's mainly used when replying to someone, though people can mention you in unrelated tweets.

Mentions - Your *mentions* are a tab in your notifications that allow you to look at only the tweets you've been *mentioned* in.

Loc - Short for Location. Located right below a user's *bio*, most use the locations slot to put their Pronouns and Age. If someone decides they prefer to use different pronouns, they may tweet "check my *loc*" which tells everyone they're switching pronouns.

Layout - Your layout is your *Profile picture* + your *header* together. Many users like their layout to match and have a theme, as it's more pleasing to the eye and signifies to other stans that you know what you're doing. If your layout is ugly, people may not follow you at all.

List(s) - A list is a personal selection of people that you want to add. Many people use this to show their love for other users, naming their lists things like “my fav *moots*” and so on. If you view your lists, it provides a personalized timeline of all members in the list.

Trending - The trending section of twitter is exactly what it seems. A section showing what the most popular topics/news articles are for the day. Trends are also personalised to your area & what you interact with most.

@ - Your @ is your username.

Bookmarks - Your bookmarks are tweets you have saved. Can be found in your “bookmarks” tab.

Fancam - Fancams began as videos of musicians (mainly kpop) performing at their concerts. They’ve since evolved into edits of characters, musicians, etc, layered with music, transitions, and filters. Though, there is quite a bit of discourse on what is/isn’t a fancam.

Stream - When someone tells you to “stream” something, they want you to Watch/Listen to it.

Views - When someone *streams* your fancam, the view count rises. Many people want their fancams to have thousands of views, so they’ll comment their edit under a post that’s gone viral, stating “I need those views”.

“Doing numbers” - When your post is “doing numbers” it’s really just gaining a lot of unexpected interaction. This could range from 100 likes to 1M likes.

Notifs - When someone asks you if you “have their notifs on”, they’re asking if you get the notifications for their tweets. This is something you can turn on by hitting the bell icon beside the follow button on a user’s account.

Thread - A thread is the same person replying to their own tweet. Threads can be used for 1 of 2 reasons. To make a list of something, Eg. character screenshots, memes, art, etc. or because you hit the character limit on your tweet while explaining something/ranting/etc.

D13 - A censored version of “die” (also written as d*e, d1e, or d word)

Lmk - Short for “let me know”

S worded - Censored version of “suspended” (also written as Sniped) Suspension is when a user’s account is temporarily OR permanently deleted by Twitter. (most of the time, without having done anything to deserve it)

K worded - Censored version of “killed” (also written as k*lled, k1lled, or k/lled)

Link - The URL for a website. If you are hopping on a trend that requires an external website to be used, someone may reply with “link??” asking you to send them the URL.

Mute - Muting is a function that used to be unique to Twitter. it's when you silence a user completely, without blocking or unfollowing them. They will not appear in your notifications or your timeline. Similarly, you can mute tweets as well, choosing not to see the notifications from it unless you're checking manually. You can also mute specific words and phrases in your settings, as well as topics.

TW - short for Trigger Warning. It's used in a similar manner as it is on Instagram, to warn the unexpected of certain items in the tweet. Eg, "TW / Blood, TW / NSFW, etc) also allows people who've muted a certain word to avoid it.

CW - Short for Content Warning, Almost the same use as *Trigger Warning*. Used for things that may not be a trigger, but can still make someone uncomfortable enough to avoid. (Some fandoms may CW a person if they've done something bad.)

Unf - short for "unfollow"

Break the mutual - To unfollow someone who you're *mutuals* with.

Softblock - To block someone and immediately unblock them, so they no longer follow you.

Hardblock/block - To block someone completely.

Main - Meaning "Main twitter account", users with many accounts may use this to reference the main one they use. Eg. "Someone I don't like keeps Dming me on *main* :/"

Coppypasta - A coppypasta is a block of text that is copy and pasted. Small parts of the text may vary from person to person, but ultimately the goal is the same. They are typically jokes and not to be taken seriously.

Tone Tags - Tags used to help neurodivergent people + others who have trouble understanding tone of voice through text. These are used to prevent people from missing social cues. Usually added to the end of a message. (Eg. I love you /p)

The most commonly used ones are:

/j - joking

/hj - half-joking

/ij - inside joke

/c - coppypasta

/ly or /lyrics - song lyrics

/q - quote

/t - teasing

/th - threat

/lh - light-hearted

/s - sarcasm

/rt or /rh - rhetorical question

/gen - genuine question

/g - genuine (similar use to serious)

/srs - serious

/nsrs - not serious/non-serious (similar use to sarcasm)

/p - platonic

/r - romantic

/neg - negative connotation

/neu - neutral connotation

/pos - positive connotation