MORPHOLOGICAL SHORTENING IN
MOBILE LEGEND VIDEO GAME

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to classify the morphological types of shortening and explain their meaning. in Mobile Legends players within online community forums. The research methodology used qualitative methods and the data collected from Facebook Groups Mobile Legend: Bang Bang Official. This research used Schendl (2001) theories about five types of morphological shortening words, they are acronym, clipping, blends, contraction, and shortening. The research reveals that shortening serves multiple purposes in the gaming environment. They are primarily used to accelerate communication, thereby enhancing the efficiency of message delivery. Additionally, shortening creates a sense of belonging among players by fostering a shared linguistic culture. This study provides valuable insights into the dynamics of language within the online gaming context and explores how these shortening influence interactions among players. By understanding the role of morphological shortening, the research sheds light on how they enhance communication efficiency and build community cohesion in gaming environments.

Keywords: Morphological Shortening, Game, Mobile Legends, Online Community

INTRODUCTION

Mobile Legends: Bang Bang, also known as MLBB, is one of the most popular mobile-based video games in Southeast Asia and around the world. Since its launch in 2016, MLBB has attracted millions of players with its dynamic gameplay and diverse heroes to choose from. Within its player community, a unique ecosystem of language and terminology has formed, in which shortening plays an important role. Mobile Legends is a multiplayer online battle arena (MOBA) game that allows players to interact in teams and compete in real-time battles. According to Moonton, the game developer, Mobile Legends offers a gameplay experience that requires effective coordination and communication among players (Moonton, 2023). In this context, using shortening becomes essential as it helps players communicate quickly and effectively amidst the intense dynamics of the game.

Language theory in online games explains how language evolves and adapts within the gaming context. Pugh (2012) argues that language in online games is often influenced by the need for rapid communication and social context within the game. Shortening in Mobile Legends responds to these needs, where players create and use shortening to simplify interactions and game strategies. Batolu (2022) said that communication theory, particularly the Shannon and Weaver (1949) communication model, explains how messages are sent and received in the communication process. In this modern era, the

development of social media continues to increase which results in communication being very dependent on technology. All means of communication have an important role, both verbal and visual, and have informative meanings. This model emphasizes the importance of efficiency and clarity in communication. In Mobile Legends, using shortening speeds up communication and reduces cognitive load during fast-paced interactions. shortening helps players convey messages quickly and clearly, enhancing communication efficiency during the game.

These shortening are used to speed up communication between players and efficiently express strategies, roles, and situations in the game. Morphological theory studies the structure and forms of words in a language. According to Katamba (1993), morphology examines how words are formed from smaller units, such as affixes and roots. This theory is relevant in the context of shortening used in Mobile Legends because shortening often results from morphological shortening, where long phrases or words are condensed into shorter forms without losing meaning. As Tawami explained (2011), in addition to that, in Language Files morphology is defined as the study of how words are structured and how they are put together from smaller parts (p. 117). Carstairs adds that morphology is the area of grammar concerned with the structure of words and with the relationship between words involving the morphemes that compose them (p. 16).

According to Schendl (2001:28), there are five types of morphological shortening. They are acronyms, clipping, blends, contraction, and shortening. A shortening is a type of abbreviation that is always written in capital letters. It is similar to an acronym but differs in that it is not pronounced as a single word. Instead, each letter is pronounced individually. Yunita (2014: 29) also added Preserving the first letter of each component is a shortening where only the initial letter of each word is retained. In this case, the retained letter is only the first letter of each word.

In the context of Mobile Legends, the use of shortening becomes a necessity that arises from the demands to communicate quickly in intense battles. Players often use shortening to refer to items, heroes, strategies, or even certain actions that must be taken during a match. Terms such as "AFK" (Away from Keyboard), "CC" (Crowd Control), and "MM" (Marksman) are examples of shortening that have become an integral part of the everyday language of MLBB players.

This article aims to classify the morphological types of shortening and explain their meaning in Mobile Legends, what is the meaning, and the context in which the game communicates. By understanding the patterns of shortening use and their relationship to morphological theory, we can better appreciate the complexity and communication that occurs between players.

METHODS

This study aims to analyze the use of shortening in Mobile Legends' language through a qualitative method. The qualitative research method is chosen because it allows an in-depth understanding of language phenomena within a specific social context. According to Creswell (2014), qualitative methods are suitable for exploring meanings and patterns in text or verbal data.

This study analyzes data from the Facebook community forum as the primary source for classifying the morphological types of shortening in Mobile Legends. All data taken is a morphological shortening posted in July 2024. The selection of July 2024 as the data collection period was carried out to ensure the consistency and diversity of the

data collected. In this month, Mobile Legends often experiences updates and feature changes, so the data collected reflects the use of language that follows the current version of the game. In addition, July is a period when many players are active due to the summer holidays, which can increase the volume of interactions and variations in player communication. Data collection during a particular month also facilitates the observation and analysis process, allowing researchers to focus on data in a uniform context without having to handle a very large volume of information. Thus, July 2024 was chosen to provide a solid foundation in analyzing language dynamics in Mobile Legends player communication effectively and relevantly.

Data were collected through observation and analysis of discussions and interactions Facebook group, Mobile Legends: Bang Bang Official. The data collection method involved observation, where the researcher actively read on these forums to identify and record shortening usage. This data was then analyzed to identify patterns of use and contexts for these shortening. The research aims to provide a comprehensive view of the dynamics of language in player communication within Mobile Legends.

The research object is the morphological shortening used in communication among Mobile Legends players in the Facebook group, Mobile Legends: Bang Bang Official. The primary focus of the study is the identification, categorization, and understanding of frequently used shortening and their contexts. Data is collected through observation and content analysis of discussions in Facebook groups. Additionally, content analysis is conducted to identify patterns in using shortening and contexts.

Shortening, as a morphological process, involves taking the initial letters of a word or phrase and retaining each letter as part of the abbreviation, but pronouncing them individually. This means that each letter in the shortening is pronounced separately, rather than as one integrated word.

Schendl (2001) defines shortening as the formation of a word in which the given name and the pronunciation of the word are similar to the initial letters of the shortened phrase. In other words, shortening serves to simplify long phrases by maintaining the initial letter structure of each word but pronouncing them one by one. As an illustration, in initialism, the first letters of each word in a phrase are taken to form an abbreviation, as shown by the following examples (Isa, 2006: 121):

Gross National Product → G + N + P = GNP
International Badminton Federation → I + B + F = IBF
Gold Free Fall → G + F + F = GFF

In this shortening, each letter taken from the phrase is pronounced separately, creating an abbreviation that is easily recognized but pronounced individually. The addition by Yunita (2014:29) emphasizes that abbreviation also involves maintaining the first letter of each word component, where only the first letter of each word is maintained to form an abbreviation.

This research focuses on shortening in the context of Mobile Legends and online forums because this phenomenon has high relevance in digital communication and online games. According to Aji (2018) Shortening in video games is often used to speed up conversations and save space, allowing players to interact more efficiently and quickly. In addition, shortening plays an important role in creating and strengthening community culture among players, giving them shared symbols and identities that strengthen the sense of connectedness. The use of shortening also affects the dynamics of social interaction by reducing the possibility of misunderstanding and increasing comfort in communication. Although there are various other types of morphological shortening, such

as acronyms, clipping, blends, and contractions, shortening is often more dominant and relevant in the context of online games, so this study chooses to focus on this phenomenon to provide deeper insight into its impact on communication and community in the gaming environment.

RESULTS

The Results section presents the key findings from the analysis of morphological shortening in the Mobile Legends community. The data reveals the distribution and frequency of various types of morphological processes used by players, highlighting the dominant forms of linguistic adaptation within this online gaming environment.
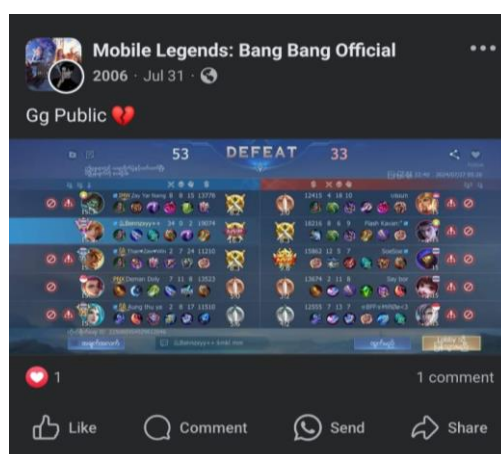
Table 1 Result of Denial Research

Type of morphological shortening	Finding case
Shortening	14 cases
Clipping	2 cases
Acronym	1 case

The table in the Results section categorizes the types of morphological shortening identified in the study of Mobile Legends' player communication. The findings indicate that Shortening is the most prevalent type, with 14 cases identified. This is followed by Clipping, which was observed in 2 cases. Last, Acronym was found in 1 case. These results suggest that players in the Mobile Legends community predominantly use shortening as their preferred method of morphological word formation.

DISCUSSION

Data 1

Figure 1 Data 1

The shortening "GG," which stands for "Good Game," is prominently featured in the image and is a common expression in online gaming communities, including Mobile Legends: Bang Bang. This shortening is traditionally used to convey sportsmanship at the end of a match, whether the outcome is a win or a loss. It signifies that the game was enjoyable or challenging and acknowledges the efforts of all players involved.

The phrase "Gg Public" is followed by a broken heart emoji, suggesting that the player experienced a disappointing or frustrating loss in a public match. Although "GG" still carries its traditional meaning of "Good Game," the addition of the broken heart emoji indicates a sense of dissatisfaction or frustration with the outcome. This usage subtly shifts the connotation of "GG" from positive acknowledgment to a more nuanced expression of the player's emotions after the match.

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Figure 2 Data 2

The image features another instance of the shortening "GGWP," which is commonly used in the gaming community, particularly in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang. The shortening "GGWP" stands for "Good Game, Well Played," and it is used to express sportsmanship and mutual respect between players after a match, acknowledging that both teams performed amazingly, regardless of the outcome.

In this context, "GGWP" is used in a congratulatory message following a match between two teams, Naupa and Liberty, as part of a Barangay Exhibition. The post reads, "Congrats Naupa! GGWP," indicating that the author is praising Naupa for their victory while also acknowledging the efforts of both teams. The use of "GGWP" here reinforces the positive sportsmanship associated with the competition, recognizing that it was a well-contested game.

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The shortening "AFK," which stands for "Away From Keyboard," is prominently featured in the image. In online gaming, "AFK" is used to describe a situation where a player is temporarily absent from the game, often due to real-life interruptions or distractions.

In the image, the player humorously narrates how they went AFK after burning their fingers with hot water. During their absence, an AI-controlled bot took over their gameplay. When the player returned, they noticed that the bot performed better than they typically do, as illustrated by the two screenshots: one showing the bot's impressive performance and the other showing the player's less successful gameplay. The text and accompanying emojis highlight the player's lighthearted acknowledgment of this fact.

The use of "AFK" in this context is a typical example of gaming jargon where players inform others about their temporary unavailability. This shortening is essential in team-based games like Mobile Legends: Bang Bang, where a player's absence can impact the team's overall performance. In this case, the player's absence led to a humorous situation where the bot outperformed them, adding a playful twist to the concept of going AFK.
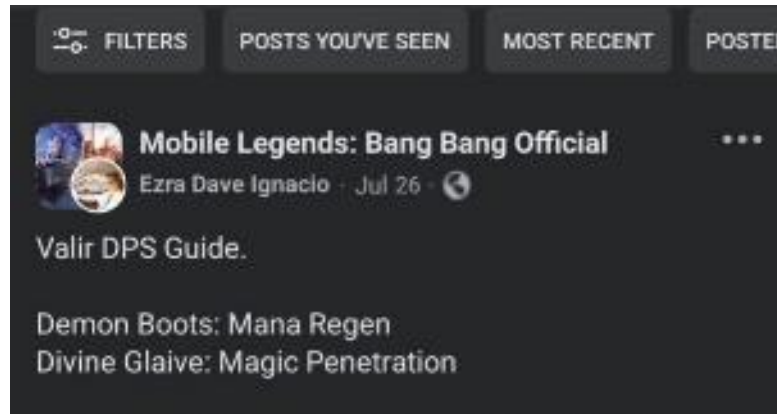
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Figure 4 Data 4

In the image, the shortening "MVP" is once again highlighted, signifying "Most Valuable Player" in the context of the game Mobile Legends: Bang Bang. The post celebrates the player's achievement of being the MVP while using the hero Mathilda. The phrase "Mathilda MVP current rank Epic 1 Star 2" indicates that the player not only excelled in a particular match but also holds a respectable rank (Epic 1 Star 2), further emphasizing their skill level.

The MVP title is given to the player who performs exceptionally well in a match, contributing the most to their team's success, which is typically measured through metrics like kills, assists, and overall impact on the game. The use of the fire emojis fire in the post underscores the player's impressive performance, adding a layer of enthusiasm and pride to the achievement.

In this context, "MVP" is a badge of honor, highlighting the player's superior performance and their ability to carry the game while using Mathilda, a specific hero within the game. The image showcases the gameplay and the player's rank, further

solidifying their status as a top performer in the competitive environment of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang.

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Figure 5 Data 5

In the image, the shortening "DPS" stands for "Damage Per Second," a term commonly used in online games, including Mobile Legends: Bang Bang, to describe the amount of damage a character can deal in one second. DPS is an important metric for characters whose primary role is to deal consistent and sustained damage over time rather than delivering a single, powerful attack.

The image appears to provide a guide for playing Valir, a hero in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang, with a focus on maximizing his DPS. The guide details specific items that enhance Valir's ability to deal continuous damage, such as the Glowing Wand, Lightning Truncheon, and Ice Queen Wand. Each of these items contributes to increasing the damage output, especially over time, by enhancing effects like burn damage or slowing enemies, which helps in maintaining DPS.

Additionally, the guide includes gameplay strategies, such as the recommended skill rotation (starting with the Ultimate, followed by the second skill, and then the first skill) to maximize damage output efficiently. The emphasis on needing "very fast hands" suggests that the player must execute these combinations quickly to fully utilize the short duration of Valir's ultimate ability, which lasts only 9 seconds.

In summary, the term "DPS" in this context is crucial for understanding the role of Valir in a game, focusing on how to maintain high damage output over time through a combination of items and skill usage. This guide is intended to help players optimize Valir's performance in terms of sustained damage, making him more effective in his role during battles.

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Figure 6 Data 6

The shortening "CC" in the context of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang stands for "Crowd Control." Crowd Control refers to abilities or effects that can control or limit the actions of enemy players, such as stunning, slowing, silencing, or knocking them back. These effects are crucial in the game as they can disrupt the enemy team's strategy, giving your team a significant advantage during battles.

In the image, there is a discussion about the effectiveness and categorization of Crowd Control (CC) abilities. The post highlights some confusion or frustration about how the game handles CC immunity, specifically referencing the ultimate ability of a hero named Minotaur. The text in the image mentions that Minotaur's ultimate ability makes him immune to Crowd Control effects, which is a significant defensive advantage in the game. However, the author of the post expresses a concern about the rules governing CC, suggesting that it might be more logical to categorize CC based on its effectiveness rather than relying on a blanket term like "immune."

This discussion reflects a deeper understanding of game mechanics and the strategic importance of CC in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang. Players often debate the balance of these abilities, as they can be game-changing, especially in high-stakes matches. The effectiveness and application of CC, as well as immunity to it, are critical factors that can influence the outcome of a game, and players must understand and utilize these mechanics effectively to succeed.

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Figure 7 Data 7

The shortening "KS" in the context of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang stands for "Kill Steal." Kill Stealing occurs when one player deals the final blow to an enemy that another player has primarily weakened, thereby "stealing" the kill and the associated rewards or recognition.

The image presents a meme with the text, "I saved his life and he said 'nice KS'." The image humorously portrays the frustration of a player who has just saved another player from being defeated, only to be accused of "KS" instead of being thanked. This scenario is common in multiplayer games where team dynamics can lead to misunderstandings or playful banter about who deserves the credit for a kill.

The phrase "nice KS" is often used sarcastically or as a playful jab between players, reflecting the competitive nature of the game. While KS can sometimes lead to tension between teammates, it is often taken lightly, especially in casual or meme-driven gaming culture, as illustrated by the use of humor in this image.

This meme captures the dual nature of teamwork in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang while collaboration is essential, individual achievements like securing kills can sometimes lead to humorous or frustrating situations, depending on the players' perspectives.

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Figure 8 Data 8

The shortening "KDA" in the context of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang stands for "Kills, Deaths, Assists." It is a key metric used to evaluate a player's performance in a match. The KDA ratio provides insight into how effective a player is in contributing to their team's success while minimizing their own mistakes.

- Kills (K): The number of enemy players a player has successfully killed.
- Deaths (D): The number of times the player has been defeated by the enemy.
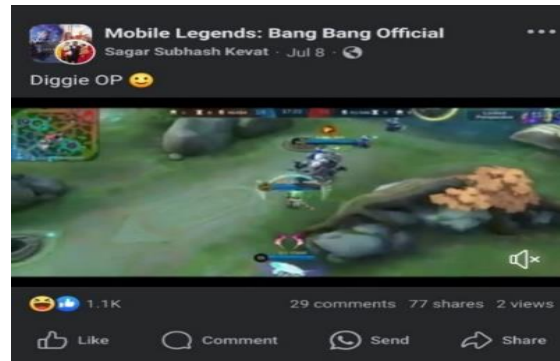- Assists (A): The number of times a player has helped a teammate secure a kill.

In the image, the post playfully asks, "What's your KDA?" and the person shares their own KDA as "23/01/93," humorously describing themselves as an "expert wingman with a few stolen kills." This adds a light-hearted element to the discussion, indicating that the player may have been involved in many battles but sometimes ended up with assists rather than kills.

The image also suggests using one's date of birth to represent their KDA, which is a fun and creative way for players to share their "KDA" in a non-serious context. This

kind of engagement is common in gaming communities where players enjoy blending game mechanics with real-life elements for entertainment.

KDA is a crucial stat in competitive games, as it reflects a player's ability to contribute positively to their team while maintaining survivability and support. A higher KDA is generally seen as a sign of a skilled player who can balance offense and defense effectively.
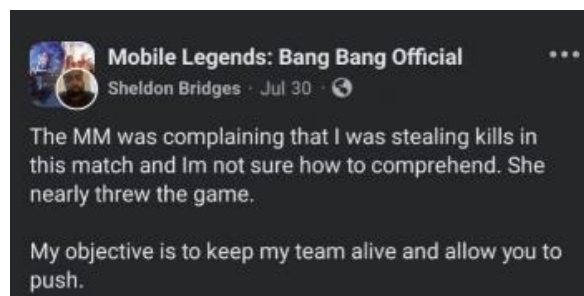
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The shortening "OP" in the context of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang stands for "Overpowered." When a character, ability, or item is referred to as "OP," it means that it is considered unusually strong or effective, often to the point of being unbalanced or giving an unfair advantage.

In the image, the post refers to the character "Diggie" as "OP" with a smiley face, indicating that Diggie is performing exceptionally well in the game, possibly dominating the match due to their abilities or strategy. This term is commonly used in gaming communities to describe characters or strategies that are so powerful that they can greatly influence the outcome of a game.

Players might call a character "OP" when they feel that the character's abilities give them an edge that is difficult for opponents to counter. This can lead to discussions within the community about game balance, with some players calling for nerfs (reductions in power) to make the game fairer.

In this instance, calling Diggie "OP" is likely a mix of admiration for the character's strength and a playful acknowledgment that using Diggie in a match can lead to an easy victory. The use of a smiley face adds a light-hearted tone to the statement, suggesting that the player is enjoying the power that Diggie brings to the game.

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Figure 10 Data 10

In the context of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang, the shortening "MM" stands for "Marksman." Marksmen are a class of heroes in the game known for their ranged attacks and high damage output, especially in the late game. They are typically the primary damage dealers on a team, focusing on taking down enemy heroes and objectives like turrets.

In the image, the post describes a situation where a player, presumably not a Marksman, was accused by the MM on their team of stealing kills during a match. The person posting seems frustrated by the accusation, especially since their objective was to support the team and secure kills when the opportunity arose, particularly when enemies were in low health.

The player explains that they encounter many Marksman players who react similarly and question what they should do in such situations—whether they should hold back in a fight when an enemy's health is critically low, just to avoid being accused of kill-stealing. The player also mentions using Belerick, a hero whose passive ability makes it hard not to secure kills, further complicating the situation.

This post highlights a common dynamic in team-based games where players sometimes disagree over who should get the final hit on an enemy, leading to tension or miscommunication within the team. The focus on supporting roles, like tanks or support characters, who may unintentionally secure kills, adds to the discussion about the importance of teamwork and understanding each player's role in achieving victory.

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Figure 11 Data 11

The shortening "CD" in the context of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang stands for "Cooldown." Cooldown refers to the time a player must wait after using a skill or ability before they can use it again. Cooldown times are an important aspect of gameplay strategy, as they dictate how often a player can use their abilities to influence the outcome of a match.

In the image, the post discusses the cooldown (CD) of Harley's ultimate ability. The player expresses surprise that many other players ("nubs," a slang term for inexperienced players) do not seem to realize how quickly Harley's ultimate ability's cooldown is, even after it has been increased in the advanced server. The advanced server is a test server where game updates and balance changes are implemented before being released to the general public.

The player also humorously mentions that being called a cheater for using Harley effectively in the advanced server is flattering, indicating that they have mastered the hero to a level that others might find difficult to counter. This highlights the effectiveness of Harley's abilities when managed well, particularly regarding the short cooldown that allows for frequent use of his powerful ultimate.

In competitive games like Mobile Legends: Bang Bang, understanding and managing cooldowns is critical to maximizing a hero's potential. Short cooldowns allow players to apply consistent pressure on the enemy team, while longer cooldowns require more strategic timing to ensure abilities are used at the most opportune moments.

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Figure 12 Data 12

The shortening "HP" in the context of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang stands for "Health Points." HP represents the amount of health a character has in the game, which determines how much damage they can take before being defeated. The more HP a character has, the longer they can stay in the fight, and certain heroes or builds focus on maximizing HP to increase their survivability.

In the image, the post discusses an instance where a hero named Edith, who had full HP, was defeated in one shot by another hero, dealing a critical hit of 5.7k damage. The phrase "full HP 1 shot delete" highlights how the hero was taken out entirely despite having full health, which is an impressive feat in the game, particularly against a hero with a large amount of HP.

The post also mentions that the inspiration for this build came from a Ruby build, with a few adjustments made to fit Lesley's gameplay. This suggests that the player is sharing a powerful build strategy that can deal significant damage, enough to eliminate a fully healthy opponent in a single strike.

This scenario underscores the importance of understanding both offensive and defensive strategies in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang. While high HP can offer protection and longevity in battles, certain builds, and critical hits can overcome even the most durable opponents, demonstrating the game's balance between attack and defense mechanics.
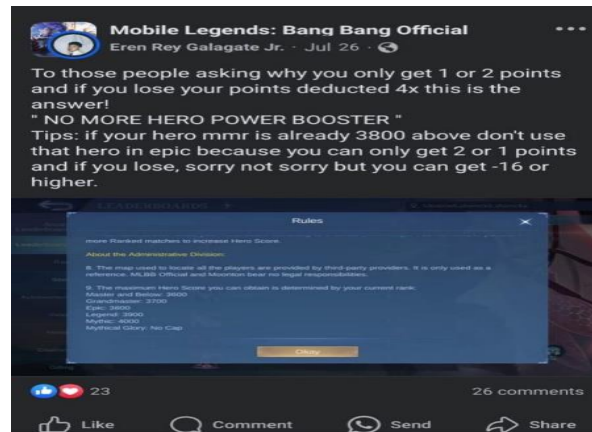
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The shortening "MMR" in the context of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang stands for "Matchmaking Rating." MMR is a hidden score that represents a player's skill level and is used by the game's matchmaking system to pair players with opponents of similar skill levels. A higher MMR indicates a more skilled player, and the system aims to create balanced matches based on these ratings.

In the image, the post discusses the issue of players gaining only a few points (1 or 2) when they win, but losing a significantly larger number of points (up to 16 or more) when they lose. The post explains that this is because the player's hero MMR has already reached a high level (above 3800). At this level, the game imposes stricter point gains and harsher point losses to maintain balance and encourage continued improvement.

The post also advises players not to use heroes with a high MMR in the Epic rank, as the point gains will be minimal, and the losses could be substantial if the match is lost. This is a strategic tip for players looking to maintain or improve their rank without risking large point deductions.

The mention of "NO MORE HERO POWER BOOSTER" refers to the removal of an older system that might have previously allowed players to boost their hero's power or MMR more easily. Now, with stricter rules in place, players need to be more mindful of their hero's MMR when entering ranked matches.

This discussion highlights the importance of understanding how MMR works in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang, as it directly impacts a player's ability to climb the ranks and maintain their position in competitive play. Managing MMR effectively is crucial for players who aim to achieve and sustain high ranks in the game.
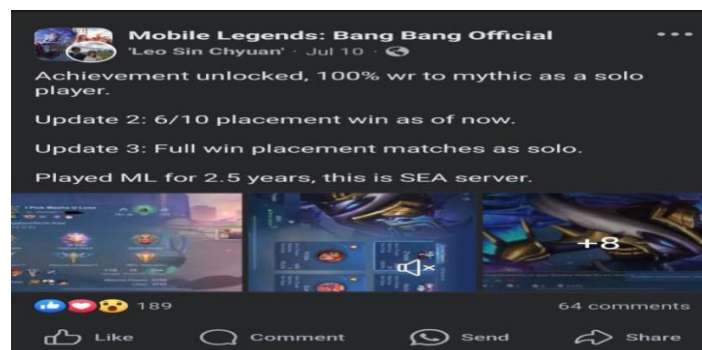
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The shortening "WR" in the context of Mobile Legends: Bang Bang stands for "Win Rate." Win Rate is a percentage that represents the number of games a player has won relative to the total number of games they have played. A 100% WR, as mentioned in the post, means that the player has won every game in a given set or over a specific period.
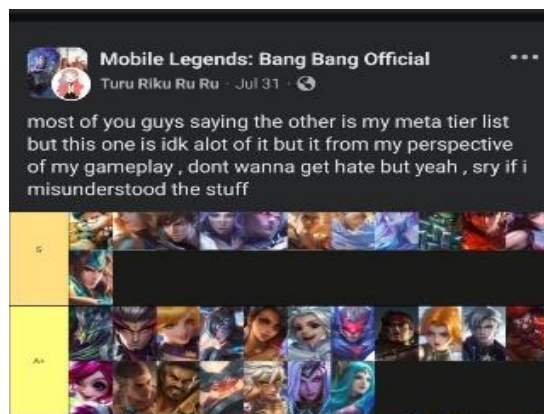
In the image, the player proudly announces that they have achieved a 100%-win rate (WR) to reach the Mythic rank as a solo player, which is a significant accomplishment in the game. Reaching Mythic rank, especially with a perfect win rate, indicates a high level of skill and consistency, particularly when playing solo, where team coordination is often more challenging without pre-communication.

The post further updates that the player has continued to win all their placement matches, maintaining their perfect win rate. This indicates that they are performing exceptionally well in ranked matches, which are critical for climbing the ranks in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang.

The mention of playing on the SEA (Southeast Asia) server, which is known for having many highly skilled players, adds to the accomplishment. The player has been playing Mobile Legends for 2.5 years, which likely contributed to their experience and skill level, enabling them to achieve such a remarkable win rate.

Apart from that, several other types of morphological shortening were also found in acronym, such as the following data.

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Figure 15 Data 15

In the context of games like Mobile Legends, the acronym "META" generally refers to "Most Effective Tactics Available." This term refers to tactics, strategies, or characters that are considered the strongest or most effective in the current game environment.

The tier list in the image appears to classify various characters based on how effective they are in the current meta, with levels ranging from S (highest) to C (lowest). Characters in the S tier are considered the strongest or most optimal to use in the game based on the current META conditions. In the gaming community, META often changes with updates or changes in the game, and players usually follow or adapt to the latest META to increase their chances of winning. Other types of morphological shortening were also found in clippings, such as the following data.

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Figure 16 Data 16

In the image, EXP lane is an example of clipping or word cutting. EXP is a short form of Experience, which in the context of the Mobile Legends game refers to a lane where heroes gain more experience points from minions than other lanes. EXP lane is a lane that is usually occupied by heroes who are responsible for absorbing more experience points to level up faster. Heroes placed here are usually fighters or tanks who are expected to become stronger as the game progresses.

By occupying the EXP lane, these heroes can farm minions more effectively, gaining the necessary experience to unlock their ultimate abilities and enhance their skills. The quicker level progression helps them achieve a power spike earlier in the game, making them formidable opponents in team fights and skirmishes. The role of the EXP lane hero is to maintain control of their lane, out-level their opponents, and eventually rotate to other parts of the map to assist in team objectives such as securing the Turtle or participating in ganks.

So, the meaning of this clipping is referring to a certain lane on the map that is important for the development of heroes in gaining levels and strength as quickly as possible.

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Figure 17 Data 17

In the image, "Mid: Eudora" refers to the selection of the hero Eudora to play in the middle lane (Mid) in the Mobile Legends game. Mid (Middle Lane) is the main lane in the middle of the map, and is usually occupied by heroes who can do burst damage or put great pressure on opponents quickly. Eudora is a Mage-type hero who has strong long-range attack abilities, especially in terms of giving burst damage to enemies.

So, the context is that this player recommends Eudora to be played in the middle lane because of her effective abilities in that position. The Mid lane is strategically important because it connects the two side lanes and is often the focal point for early-game aggression and control. Heroes in this lane can influence the outcome of the game by rotating to other lanes (top or bottom) to support their teammates, secure objectives like the Turtle, or ambush enemies. A hero like Eudora, with her ability to burst down opponents and clear waves of minions quickly, is well-suited for the Mid-lane. She can dominate her lane, control the map, and contribute significantly to team fights.

CONCLUSION

This research has analyzed the use of shortening in player communication within Mobile Legends online community forums, focusing on 14 commonly used shortening, 2 clippings, and 1 acronym. The key findings from this analysis are efficiency in communication. Shortening like "GG," "AFK," and "DPS" enable players to communicate quickly and effectively during gameplay. Using these shortening accelerates information exchange and reduces the cognitive load when interacting in a dynamic game environment. This efficiency is crucial in fast-paced games where quick decisions and clear communication are essential.

Secondly, important in-game context shortening such as "MVP," "KDA," and "WR" provide essential metrics used to assess player and team performance. These shortening facilitate concise and clear sharing and discussing statistics and game strategies. Players can efficiently communicate their contributions and strategies by summarizing performance metrics in a few letters.

Moreover, impact on social interaction Using shortening influences players' social interactions by enhancing communication, supporting performance evaluation, and creating a competitive atmosphere within the community. Shortening also contributes to forming social identity among players, as understanding and using these terms signals familiarity with the game's culture and competitive environment.

Lastly, relevance and utility shortening offer practical benefits in a gaming environment that demands rapid and effective communication. They reflect the adaptation of player language to the specific needs of online gaming contexts, demonstrating how players develop and use specialized jargon to navigate the game effectively.

Shortening in Mobile Legends significantly improve communication efficiency and support social interaction within the gaming community. This research highlights that shortening are tools for speeding up communication and are integral to the culture and strategic aspects of Mobile Legends gameplay.

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