LETS COMPARE TWO MESSAGES ONE THAT IS SPELLED OUT AND ONE THAT IS ABBREVIATED FIRST CONSIDER THIS MESSAGE JIM HOW DID YOU LIKE EUROPE? WHERE DID YOU GO? I HEARD YOU VISITED UK AND FRANCE. HOW LONG WERE YOU GONE? NOW CONSIDER THIS JIM HW DID U LIKE EU? WHR DID U GO? I HRD U VSTD UK AND FR HW LNG WR U GONE? BY ABBREVIATING ONE USED ABOUT A THIRD LESS CHARACTERS AND SAVED A THIRD AS MUCH TIME