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|  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **eviation** | **Word/Phrase** | | ATA | Advanced Technology Attachment | | ANSI | American National Standards Institute | | AC | Alternate Current | | AI | Artifical Intelligence | | AIDS | Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome | | AICTE | All India Council for Technical Education | | AIIMS | All India Institute of Medical Science | | AITUC | All India Trade Union Congress | | AICTE | All India Council for Technical Education | | ASCII | American Standard Code for Information Interchange | | ATM | Automated Teller Machine | | A&A | Astronomy And Astrophysics | | AIAA | American Institute Of Aeronautics And Astronautics | | APM | Atmospheric Particle Monitor | | ASP | Active server page | | BCC | Blind Carbon Copy | | BLOB | Binary Large Object | | BIS | Bureau of Indian Standards | | BBC | British Broadcasting Corporation | | BAE | British Aerospace | | BNSC | British National Space Centre | | BEL | Bharat Electronics Limited | | BIOS | Basic Input Output System | | BPR | Business Process Re-engineering | | BSE | Bombay Stock Exchange | | BPO | Business Process Outsourcing | | BIT | Binary Digit | | CDMA | Code Division Multiple Access | | CBSE | Central Board of Secondary Education | | CBI | Central Bureau of Investigation | | CAT | Common Admission Test | | CAD | Computer Aided Design | | CID | Criminal Investigation Department | | CD-RW | Compact Disc Re-Writable | | CD-ROM | Compact Disc Read-Only Memory | | CD-R | Compact Disc Recordable | | CBSE | Central Board of Secondary Education | | CSIR | Council of Scientific and Industrial Research | | CRIS | Centre for Railway Information System | | CID | Criminal Investigation Department | | CGI | Common Gateway Interface | | CA | Chartered Accountant | | CBSE | Central Board of Secondary Education | | CPWD | Central Public Works Department | | CGI | Common Gateway Interface | | CV | Circulum Vitae | | COMSAT | Communications Satellite | | CBR | Cosmic Background Radiation | | DVD | Digital Versatile/Video Disc | | DVC | Damodar Valley Corporation | | DTH | Direct to Home | | DTP | Desktop Publishing | | DC | Direct Current | | DDI | Universal Description Discovery And Integration | | UDP | User Datagram Protocol | | UML | Unified Modeling Language | | UNI | United News of India | | UPSC | Union Public Service Commission | | VIP | Very Important Person | | VIRUS | Vital Information Resources Under Siege | | VPI | Virtual Path Identifier | | VOIP | Voice Over Internet Protocol | | VGA | Video Graphics Array | | WPA | Wi-Fi Protected Access | | WHO | World Health Organisation | | ZIP | Zone Improvement Plan | | STD | Subscriber Trunk Dialling | | SAIL | Steel Authority of India Limited | | SIM | Subscriber Information Module | | SLV | Satellite Launch Vehicle | | TOEFL | Test of English as a Foreign Language | | TCP | Transmission Control Protocol | | TFT | Thin-Film Transistor | | LCM | Lowest Common Multiple | | MBBS | Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery | | MIDI | Musical Instrument Digital Interface | | MIPS | Million Instructions per Second | | MNC | Multi National Corporation | | NDA | National Defence Academy | | NSUI | National Students Union of India | | NTPC | National Thermal Power Corporation | | NASSCOM | National Association of Software and Service Companies | | EDI | Electronic Data Interchange | | EIS | Executive Information System | | ECG | Electro Cardiogram | | ERNET | Educational and Research Network | | FBI | Federal Bureau of Investigation | | FOB | Free Of Board | | FERA | Foreign Exchange Regulation Act | | CTBT | Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty | | ISRO | Indian Space Research Organisation | | LTTE | Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam | | LLC | Logical Link Control | | LN | Logical Name | | LSA | Localised Service Area | | LSB | Least Significant Bit | | MA | Multiple Access | | UUI | User-to-User Information | | UUS | Uu Stratum | | VASP | Value Added Service Provider | |

* approx. - approximately
* appt. - appointment
* apt. - apartment
* A.S.A.P. - as soon as possible
* B.Y.O.B. - bring your own bottle, used for parties where guests are expected to bring their own drinks or restaurants that don't sell alcohol.
* c/o - care of, used when sending mail to someone who's not at their usual address
* dept. - department
* D.I.Y. - Do it yourself
* est. - established
* E.T.A. - estimated time of arrival
* min. - minute or minimum
* misc. - miscellaneous
* Mr. - Mister
* Mrs. - Mistress (pronounced Missus)
* no. - number
* R.S.V.P. - *Répondez, s'il vous plait*, this initialism comes from the French for "please reply." It's used on invitations to parties and events and is intended (as it says) to be responded to with a "yes, we will attend," or "no, we will not."
* tel. - telephone
* temp. - temperature or temporary
* vet. - veteran or veterinarian
* vs. - versus

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**Cooking and Baking**

Abbreviations are also necessary for [measurements](https://abbreviations.yourdictionary.com/articles/measurement-abbreviations.html) for cooking and baking - after all, your cake won't come out very well if you don't know the difference between:

* tsp or t - teaspoon/teaspoons
* tbs, tbsp or T - tablespoon/tablespoons
* c - cup/cups
* gal - gallon
* lb - pound/pounds
* pt - pint
* qt - quart

**Map Locations**

If you want to find your way around, you better know location abbreviations such as:

* Ave. - Avenue
* Blvd. - Boulevard
* Cyn. - Canyon
* Dr. - Drive
* Ln. - Lane
* Rd. - Road
* St. - Street
* E - east
* N - north
* NE - northeast
* NW - northwest
* S - south
* SE - southeast
* SW - southwest
* W - west

**Academic and Job Titles**

Abbreviations often show up in describing [academic](https://abbreviations.yourdictionary.com/articles/degree-abbreviations.html) and job titles. For example:

* BA - Bachelor of Arts
* BS - Bachelor of Science
* MA - Master of Arts
* M.PHIL or MPHIL - Master of Philosophy
* JD - Juris Doctor
* DC - Doctor of Chiropractic
* PA - Personal Assistant
* MD - Managing Director
* VP - Vice President
* SVP - Senior Vice President
* EVP - Executive Vice President
* CMO - Chief Marketing Officer
* CFO - Chief Financial Officer
* CEO - Chief Executive Officer

**Social Media**

The advent of the internet brought about a whole new range of abbreviations into our daily lives. For the sake of brevity, our [texts](https://abbreviations.yourdictionary.com/articles/texting-abbreviations.html), tweets, and chats are now made up many abbreviations. For example:

* ACE - a cool experience
* AD - awesome dude
* AFAIK - as far as I know
* AFK - away from keyboard
* ANI - age not important
* BRB - be right back
* CUL - see you later
* CWYL - chat with you later
* IIRC - if I recall/remember correctly
* IQ - ignorance quotient
* LOL - laugh out loud
* NP - no problem
* ROFL - rolling on the floor laughing
* TY - thank you
* WC - wrong conversation

These are just a handful of innumerable abbreviations that are used online and on our phones.

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**Alphabet Agencies**

During the Great Depression, President [Franklin Delano Roosevelt](https://biography.yourdictionary.com/franklin-d-roosevelt) created a number of agencies to stimulate job growth in the United States. Known as "alphabet agencies," these are some of the most famous abbreviations today.

* AAA - The Agricultural Adjustment Act. This act was created in 1933 to compensate farmers for not planting crops as a way to increase the demand for certain agricultural products and raise prices. By 1936, the Supreme Court ruled that the act was to be voided.
* CCC - The Civilian Conservation Corps. Single men between 18-25 were selected to form this corps, which would work on conserving wildlife and national preservation areas, in addition to planting trees and fighting erosion.
* CWA - The Civil Works Administration. Four million people were employed by the CWA to work in renovation and construction jobs such as building repair, road building, and other infrastructural work.
* FDIC - The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Since banks were widely distrusted after the many bank failures during the depression, this alphabet agency was created to encourage public confidence in banks again by insuring customers against losses of up to $5,000 if the bank happened to fail.
* FHA - The Federal Housing Administration. This organization was created to help people secure loans to buy houses.
* NRA - The National Recovery Administration. In 1933, the NRA was created to attempt to aid deflation and encourage market competition, in order to restore the economy. Unfortunately, the administration did not stimulate industrial production, although investor and consumer confidence were restored.
* SSA - The Social Security Administration. The Social Security Act, administered by the Social Security Administration, created a national pension for retired people as well as unemployment insurance and government aid for single mothers, children, and handicapped persons.

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Understanding Latin-based Abbreviations

Looking at [Latin](https://reference.yourdictionary.com/other-languages/latin-vocabulary.html), the root of much of the English language is a good way to decipher abbreviations. The most common abbreviations that we use in day-to-day life are derived from this ancient language. For example:

* AM/PM - AM, which we use to denote morning, is an abbreviation for *ante meridiem (before noon)*, and PM stands for *post meridiem (after noon)*.
* AD - The era in which we live, AD, is actually an abbreviation for [*Anno Domini*](https://www.yourdictionary.com/anno-domini), or "The Year of Our Lord."

Latin has also gifted us with other abbreviations we use so frequently that, at times, we forget what they stand for. For instance:

* e.g. - You will often see the abbreviation e.g. before someone gives an example. It stands for *exampli gratia*, which means, "example given."
* etc - "Etc", often seen at the end of long lists, is short for *etcetera*, which means "and other things."
* i.e. - Another popular abbreviation we use in daily life, i.e. stands for *id est*, meaning, "that is."
* n.b. - This is sometimes written at the end of a communication that needs special attention. It stands for *nota bene*, which means "take notice," or "note well."
* P.S. - At the end of a letter or email, people will often add a P.S. to include an additional comment or thought. It is short for *post script,* which means "written after."
* viz - Another Latin abbreviation you may see is "viz", which is short for *videlicet*, meaning "namely."

Abbreviations Save Time

Abbreviations are a common part of our lives, they save us time and space in our written communication. In other words, almost anything you want to do, from official documents to text messages, will require you to know an abbreviation or two. Remember that although an abbreviation usually consists of a letter or group of letters taken from a word or phrase, that's not always the case, especially in the case of measurements. Continue exploring abbreviations by learning [how to make them plural](https://abbreviations.yourdictionary.com/simple-rules-for-plural-acronyms-and-abbreviations.html).

* [6TH GRADE](https://www.yourdictionary.com/articles/6th-grade)
* [7TH GRADE](https://www.yourdictionary.com/articles/7th-grade)
* [8TH GRADE](https://www.yourdictionary.com/articles/8th-grade)
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