

Common Symbols Used in Note-Taking

Symbol		Meaning
#	no.	number
	\$	dollars, money, cost
&	+	and
	?	question, doubt, possibility
	@	at
	<	less than
	≠	does not equal, is not the same as, does not result in
	=	equals, is the same as, results in
	>	greater than, larger than
	Δ	change
⇒	∴	therefore, consequently
∴	b/c	because
	↑	increases, more, goes up, up
	↗	does not lead to
	→	leads to, produces, causes
	↓	decreases, less, goes down, down
	♀	woman, women, female
	♂	man, men, male
	1 st	first (similarly 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , etc.)
	a.m.	morning
	p.m.	afternoon
approx.	≈	approximate(ly)
	ASAP	as soon as possible
	C	century (e.g., C20 = 20th century)
	diff	difference, different, difficult, difficulty
e.g.,	ex.,	for example
	etc.,	et cetera, and so on
	i.e.,	in other words (usually used when adding more detail or an explanation)
	K	a thousand (e.g., 500K for 'five hundred thousand')
	M	a million (e.g., \$6M for 'six million dollars')
NB	*	note well, remember this, important
	CAD	Canada/Canadian (likewise US for America(n); EUR for Europe(an); etc.)
	w/	with
	w/o	without
	vs.	versus, against
X	strikethrough	no, not, incorrect

Note: This list is not exhaustive.