

Using the dictionary

Finding abbreviations

gaz-ump /gə'zʌmp/ *verb* [usually passive] ~ **sb** (BrE) when sb who has made an offer to pay a particular price for a house and who has had this offer accepted is **gazumped**, their offer is no longer accepted by the person selling the house, because sb else has made a higher offer ► **gaz-ump-ing** *noun* [U]

GB *abbr.* **1** /,dʒi: 'bi:/ Great Britain **2** (in writing) GIGABYTE: a 750GB hard drive

Gb *abbr.* (in writing) GIGABIT

GBH /,dʒi: bi: 'etʃ/ *abbr.* (BrE, law) GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM

GCE /,dʒi: si: 'i:/ *noun* [C, U] a British exam taken by students in England and Wales and some other countries in any of a range of subjects. GCE O levels were replaced in 1988 by GCSE exams. GCE A levels are still the main exams taken in England and Wales at age 18. (the abbreviation for 'General Certificate of Education') ➔ compare O LEVEL, A LEVEL

GCSE /,dʒi: si: es 'i:/ *noun* [C, U] a British exam taken by students in England and Wales and some other countries, usually around the age of 16. GCSEs can be taken in a range of subjects. (GCSE is the abbreviation for 'General Certificate of Secondary Education'.): *She's got 10 GCSEs.* ♦ *He's doing German at GCSE.* ➔ compare A LEVEL

A Do you know what the following abbreviations mean?

YWCA UN GNP GDR GMO IMF

Check your answers in your dictionary.

B Put the following abbreviations in one of the three categories: *business, education or politics*.

GCSE COD MEP FE CBI GDP Ltd WHO
MSP MA NCT PAYE UN RE MOD

Business

Education

Politics

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