

Abbreviations

Abbreviations are a faster and shortened way to write out long words. Abbreviations are commonly used in writing informal information or e-mails, but abbreviations are also used when addressing letters, making notes, or other forms of writing. Though it is not as common to see abbreviations in formal essays, they do sometimes appear. A list of common abbreviations are shared below.

A.A. - Automobile Association

A.S.A.P. - As soon as possible

C/O - Care of

Dept. - Department

H.R.H. - His (Her) Royal Highness

J.P. - Justice of the Peace

Ltd. - Limited

M.D. - Managing Director

MD - Medical Doctor

M.P. - Member of Parliament

N/A - Not applicable, not available

N.S.P.C.C. - National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

O.H.M.S. - On Her Majesty's Service

R.N. - Royal Navy

R.S.P.C.A - Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

U.N. - United Nations

Tel. - Telephone

A.D. - Anno Domini (In the Year of our Lord)



B.C. - Before Christ

Capt. - Captain

E.T.A. - Estimated time of arrival

F.A. - Football Association

H.M. - Her Majesty

H.M.S. - Her Majesty's Ship

p. - Page

P.O. - Post Office

P.T.O. - Please turn over

R.A.F. - Royal Air Force

U.F.O - Unidentified Flying Object

V.I.P. - Very important person

A.M. - Before noon

P.M. - After noon

cm. - centimeter

contd. - Continued

DIY - Do-it-yourself

e.g. - example given

etc. - and other things (et cetera)

I.O.U. - I owe you

Kph - kilometres per hour

No. - Number

P.C. - Police Constable



P.S. - Post Script (at the end of a letter)

RSVP - Please reply

mg - Milligram

ml - Millilitre

mm - Millimetre

cu - Cubic

fl. oz. - Fluid ounce

doz. - dozen

gal. - Gallon

in. - Inch

lb. - Pound

T or tbsp. - Tablespoon

t- teaspoon

yd. - Yard

kwh or kWh - kilowatt per hour

ttyl - Talk to you later

ICE - In case of emergency

RIP - Rest in Peace

Anon - Anonymous

H.Q. - Headquarters