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What is an acronym? Learn the definition of abbreviations and how to use them in both formal and informal speech. This lesson also contains a useful list of different types of abbreviations with meaning in English. Definition of the acronym and use What is the acronym? In both formal and informal speech, we do not always write the entire word or phrase and instead use an abbreviated form. For example, in an essay and OMG or FYI in a text message that you receive from a friend, is often found, etc. While it may seem that the cuts are a fairly modern phenomenon that has exploded due to technology and texting, they have actually been around for thousands of years. In fact, in ancient Greece and Rome, it was common to shorten the words of their first letter. As for the English language, it was full of abbreviations from the start. Beowulf, an old-English epic poem from about the tenth century, is just one example of works that have reduced the forms of words in them. Why do we use abbreviations? The reason why the acronyms were popular hundreds of years ago and why they still remain so today is that they help us save space and time. Obviously, it takes a lot less effort to write SARS than if you were to write Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, the whole phrase that it stands for. In addition, in today's world, you sometimes need to put as much information into a single message as possible, with a limited number of characters. For example, Twitter does not allow tweets to be longer than 280 characters. It's natural to cut down on all words that can be shortened to make sure that everything you want to say fits into one tweet. Reductions can take many forms, and there is no rule that would strictly determine how words can or cannot be shortened. One option is to present the word in the first letter or first letter, such as v. for verb and Co. for the company. Some acronyms accept the most important letters of the word, such as ltc, which stands for Limited, or Revd, which means Reverend. One word can also be shortened by taking only the first and last letter, such as Dr. for Doctor, Rd. for the road. Also, the first letters of words in the phrase are often used instead of the whole phrase. Examples of BTW for by the way and RSVP for r'pondez s'il vous pla't. Many acronyms appeared in the late 20th century, when people started sending each other text messages. More often than not, these are the first letters of words in a phrase, such as TMI, which means too much information. Sometimes letters are replaced by numbers to make an abbreviation; thus, the L8r stands for later. Often quite a few questions arise when it comes to Do I use a full stop after a shortened version of the word? Do I use lower or upper register letters? What if I need a plural form? These are just a few of these issues. However, just as it is with most English grammar, the practice makes perfect. If you continue to use abbreviations in writing, you will soon have no problem with them. Learn more about the abbreviations and the difference between the acronym and the acronym. The list of abbreviations is a list of different types of abbreviations with a value in English. Business and Finance Reduction Examples are general business cuts in English. Assoc. Association Corp. and Corporation Inc. - Included LLC - Limited BKPR - Accountant LET - Leaving Early Today's FTE - Full-time Employee OTP - On Phone WOM - Word of mouth IAM - In the NIM meeting - No internal PTE message - Part-time NRN employee - No answer, WIFM - What's in it WFH B2B - Business for Business B2C - Business for Customer BR - Bounce Rate CMS - CPC Content Management System - Cost per CTA - Call to Action CTR - Click via CR - DM Conversion Rate - Direct SEO Message - SM Search Engine Optimization - Social Media SWOT, Strang, Week, Opportunity, Opportunity Threat CX - Customer Experience FB - Facebook POS - Point of Sale PV - Views of RTD pages - Real-time SEM Data - Marketing search engine SMM - Social Media Marketing SMS - Brief Messaging Service Medical acronyms a.c. - Before eating ratio a/g - Albumin to globu golin ratio. b.i.d. - Дважды в день кровь BP - кровяное давление C/O - Жалоба на ЕТОН - Алкоголь ЭСТ - Электро Убедительная терапия g - грамм GvHD - Прививка против Хост-болезни gtt - Капли h.s. Во время сна HA - Головная боль ICU - Отделение интенсивной терапии ИМСЭ - Отделение интенсивной терапии в пробирке - В лаборатории in vivo - В организме IU - Международные единицы JT - Совместный LBP - Боль в пояснице mg - Миллиграммы ml - Миллилитры MH - MVP по истории болезни - Mitral Valve Prolapse NV - Тошнота или рвота NCP - NPO Плана ухода за больными - Ничего во рту NSR - Нормальный синусовый ритм сердца O.D. - Правый глаз O.S. 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Theme Int'l - International zlt; Less than - And - And - During the abbreviations AM - Ante Meridian (until noon) PM - Post Meridian (afternoon) AD - Afternoon 0 BC - Before the year 0 hours and hour of min. - Mountain Rd. - St Street - Suite N - North S - South E - East W - Western acronyms Measurement Gal. - Gallon Lb. - Pounds Pt. State acronyms California - California Colo. - Colorado, D.C., D.C. Ga. - Georgia Ind. - Indiana Mich. - Michigan Mont. BC: British Be: Business English BVT: Bilingual Training CALL: Computer Help in Learning call: Computer Help Language Learning CanE: Canadian English EAP: English for Academic Purposes EFL: English as a Foreign Language EGP: English for General EIP Purposes: English as an International Language Program EL: English Teacher ELA: English Language ELD: English ESLP: English as A Second Language Program ESOL: English for Speakers of Other Languages IEP: Intensive English Language Program (usually University Programs) NEP: Non-English Proficient NES: Non-English Speaking NNEST: Non-Native English Speaking Teacher OE: Old English OED: Oxford English Dictionary SAE: Standard American English SAP: Student : Teaching English as a Foreign Language for Adults TEIL : Teaching English as a Second Language TYLE: (Learning) Young English Students VESL: Professional English as a Second Language Internet Acronyms - Text acronyms Examples of text abbreviations and internet slang words. SMH - Shaking the head of BRB - Be right back IMO - In my opinion, CYA - Cover your AP or See. I am. Do I know you? IDK / IDKE - I do not know / I do not know neither ILY nor I love you HBU - How about you? LMAO - Laughing My AK Off LMK - Let Me Know NVM - Nevermind OFC - Of course PNL - World and Love ROFL - Rolling on the floor Laughing SNMP - So not my problem STFU - Shut up TAY - Thinking about you TBH ELI5 - Explain how I 5 TIL - Today I learned FTFY - Fixed that for you BAE - baby or before anyone else Facepalm - Seriously? HIFW - How do I feel / Feel when MFW / MRW - My face when / My reaction when ICYMI - In case you missed this JSYK - Just so you know Lulz - laughs IRL - Real life MIRL - I'm a real life paw - Parents watch NAFT - Quoted for the truth TBT Not read YMMV - Your mileage can vary YOLO - You live only once DOOLOY - You live only once DOOLOY - You live only once DOOLOY - You live only once DOOLOY - You live only once DOOLOY - You live Noob - Rookie NSFW - Unsafe to work General List of Abbreviations Infographic Text Reduction List 2 Emma March 29, 2020 Shortening Slang term LARP is actually an acronym, although everyone tends to think of it as a standalone term. If you were wondering the meaning of this part ... Emma March 29, 2020 Cuts Most people think that the acronym OC refers most often to the show on MTV. However, this is not true. It's actually used most often to represent... 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