

ABBREVIATIONS

What is an Abbreviation?

An abbreviation is a shortened form of a longer word.

Here are some abbreviations you should know: Notice that every abbreviation starts with a capital and ends with a period.

- Mr. - Mister
- Mrs. - Missus or Missis (The longer forms are no longer used)
- Ms. - pronounced mizz
- Dr. - Doctor
- Jan. - January
- Feb. - February
- Mar. - March
- Apr. - April
- There is
- Jun. - J
- Jul. - Ju
- Aug. - A
- Sept. - S
- Oct. - C
- Nov. - N
- Dec. - D
- Sun. - Sunday
- Mon. - Monday
- Tues. - Tuesday
- Wed. - Wednesday
- Thurs. - Thursday
- Fri. - Friday
- St. - Street or Saint
- Ave. - Avenue
- Rd. - Road



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Some abbreviations are all capital letters without periods. Here are a few examples.

- USA - United States of America
- ABC - American Broadcasting Company
- AFC - American Football Conference
- ASAP - as soon as possible
- ATM - Automatic Teller Machine
- DC - District of Columbia
- DOT - Department of Transportation
- EPA - Environmental Protection Agency
- FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation
- MLB - Major League Baseball
- NFL - National Football League
- NOW - National Organization for Women
- TBA - to be announced
- UN - United Nations
- USDA - United States Department of Agriculture

In the United States, some abbreviations are just a few letters. Here are a few.

- AZ - Arizona
- CA - California
- DE - Delaware
- FL - Florida
- NY - New York
- PA - Pennsylvania
- VA - Virginia



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Some abbreviations are just lower case letters without any periods.

- mph - miles per hour
- cm - centimeter
- lb - pound
- mo - month
- wk - week
- in - inch
- yd - yard

Try this!

What is the abbreviation for **year**? _____

What is the abbreviation for **your state**? _____

What is the abbreviation for **National Broadcasting Company**?

What is the abbreviation for a priest or minister named **Father Smith**?



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