Common Abbreviations In English

@	at
©	copyright
3-D (three-D)	three-dimension
3G	third-generation
4G	fourth-generation
5G	fifth-generation
A level	advanced level
A.D. (AD)	in the year of our Lord (from Latin, Anno Domini)
a.m. (A.M)	before noon/ in the morning/ before midday (from ante meridiem, Lat.)
a/c	air conditioning / account
AAA	Amateur Athletic Association
abbr.	abbreviation
ABM	account-based marketing / activity-based management
ABS	Animal Behaviour Society
ABS	anti-lock braking system / Animal Behaviour Society
AC	air conditioning / alternating current
ad	advertisement
ADC	aide-de-camp (a personal assistant in the military camp)
ADI	Animal Defenders International
ADL	Animal Defence League

ads	advertisements
Ag	Acting
AGM	annual general meeting
aka	also known as
ALF	Animal Liberation Front
AOB	any other business
approx	approximate/ approximately
APR	annual percentage rate
Apr.	April
Apt	Apartment
arr.	arrives / arrival
ASAB	Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour
asap	as soon as possible
Assoc.	Association
Asst	Assistant
ATM	automated teller machine
attn (fao)	for the attention of
Aug.	August
AV	audiovisual
AVAR	Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights
Ave. (Av.)	Avenue
b.	born

BC	before Christ
bcc	blind carbon copy
BCE	before the Common Era
Br.	British
Brig.	Brigadier
bro	brother
bt	bought
BTW	by the way
bus	omnibus
c (ct)	cent
C.E.	Common Era
c/o	care of
CAPS	Captive Animals' Protection Society
Capt.	Captain
cc	carbon copy / cubic centimetres
CCTV	closed-circuit television
CD	compact disc
Cdr	Commander
CD-R	compact disc recordable
CD-ROM	compact disc read-only memory
cent.	century
cert.	certificate

cf. (cp.)	compare (from Latin, confer)
CFI	Cruelty Free International
chap.	chapter
cl	centilitre(s)
Cllr	Councillor
cm	centimetre(s)
CNN	Cable News Network
CO	Commanding Officer
Co.	Company
COD	cash on delivery
col.	column
Col.	Colonel
cont. (contd)	continued
Corp.	Corporation
Cpl	Corporal
CPU	central processing unit
Cr	credit / creditor
Ct	Court
CV	course of life (curriculum vitae)
d.	died
D.O.B.	date of birth
D.V.	God willing (from Deo volente)

Dec.	December
dep.	depart / departure
Dept	department
Div.	Division
DJ	disc jockey
DMC	dangerous mechanical condition
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
do.	ditto / the same as above
DOA	dead on arrival
DOS	disc operating system / Director of Studies
doz.	dozen
Dr	debtor / Doctor / Drive
DSTV	digital satellite television
DVD	digital videodisc / digital versatile disc
DVD-A	digital versatile disc audio
DVD-R	digital versatile disc recordable
DVD-ROM	digital versatile disc read-only memory
DVR	digital video recorder
DWI	driving while intoxicated
E	East
e.g.	for instance / for example
ea.	each

e-book	electronic book
e-card	electronic card
e-cash	electronic cash
e-computer	electronic computer
ed.	editor / edition / edited(by)
e-float	electronic float
e-friend	electronic friend
e-fund	electronic fund
e-learning	electronic learning
e-mail	electronic mail
EMIS	Education Management Information System
EMS	enhanced message service
enc. (encl.)	enclosed
eng.	Engineer / engineering
e-pal	electronic pal
ESN	electronic serial number
esp.	especially
Esq.	Esquire
etc.	and so on / and so forth
e-toll	electronic toll
e-transfer	electronic transfer
ext.	extension

e-zine	electronic magazine
f	feminine / female
f.o.b.	free on board
FAQ	frequently asked questions
FC	football club
Feb.	February
ff	very loudly (fortissimo)
ff.	and the following pages/line
fig.	figure / figurative
FM	frequency modulation / Field Marshal
FOB	fresh off the boat
Fr	Father
Fri.	Friday
ft	foot / feet
Ft	Fort
FTP	file transfer protocol
FYI	for your information
G	general audience
g	gram(s)
GB	gigabyte(s)
Gdns	Gardens
Gen.	General

GHQ	general headquarters
GM	genetically modified
Gmail	Google mail
Gov.	Governor
govt	government
GPO	General Post Office
GPRS	general packet radio services
GPS	global positioning system
GSM	Global System(Standard) for Mobile Communications
Gt	Great
H.I.S.	here lies buried (from hic iacet sepultus)
HD	high-definition
HDD	hard disc drive
HDTV	high definition television
HE (H.E.)	His /Her Excellency
HGV	heavy goods vehicle
HM (H.M.)	His /Her Majesty
hols	holidays
Hon.	Honorary / Honourable
hosp.	hospital
HQ	headquarters
hr	hour

Hwy	Highway
HTTP (http)	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
HTTPS (https)	Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
i.e.	that is (from Latin, id est)
I.N.R.I.	Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews (from Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum)
i/c	in charge
ICE	in case of emergency
ICT	information and communication technology
id	the same (from idem)
ID card	identity (identification) card
IDA	In Defence of Animals
IMEI	international mobile equipment identity
IMHO	in my humble opinion
IMO	in my opinion
in.	inch(es)
Inc.	Incorporated
Ind.	independent
Insp.	Inspector
internet	interconnected network
IOU (IOY)	I owe you
IP	internet protocol

IQ	intelligence quotient
Is.	Island(s) / isle
ISP	internet service provider
Jan.	January
Jr (Jnr)	Junior
Jul.	July
Jun.	June
k	thousand (from Greek, kilo)
KB	kilobyte
kg	kilogram(s) / kilogramme(s)
km	kilometre
KO	knockout
kph	kilometre per hour
lat.	latitude
lb	pound (libra in Latin for weight)
LED	light-emitting diode
Ln.	Lane
long.	longitude
Ltd	Limited
m	metre / meter
Maj.	Major
Mar.	March

max.	maximum
MB	megabyte
MC (M.C.)	master of ceremonies
MDD	Music, Dance and Drama
med.	medium
Messrs	gentlemen
mfg	manufacturing
mg	milligram(s)
min.	minute(s) / minimum
ml	millilitre(s)
mm	millimetre(s)
MO	way of operating (from medus operandi)
Mon.	Monday
MP	Member of Parliament
MP3	music player 3
mph	miles per hour
Mr	Mister
Ms	Miss
Mrs	Mistress
Mt	Mount
MTN	Mobile Telecommunications (Telephone) Network
MW	medium wave

N	North
NB (N.B.)	note carefully / note well (from nota bene, Latin)
NE	north-east / north-eastern
neg.	negative
NIN	national identification number
No.	number (from Latin, numero)
Nov.	November
nr	near
O level	ordinary level
OB	old boy
obv	obviously
Oct.	October
OG	old girl
ok	okay / all correct
OTG	on-the-go
OTT	over the top
oz	ounce(s) (from Italian, onza)
p.	page
p.a.	per annum / per year
p.m.	after noon / in the afternoon / in the evening
P.P. (PP)	on behalf of / person present
p.w.	per week

par. (para.) paragraph

pd paid

PDF Portable Document Format

PE (P.E.) physical education

PG parental guidance

PIN personal identification number

Pl. place

pl. plural

PLE (P.L.E.) Primary Leaving Examination

PMO private motor omnibus

PO Postal Order / the Post Office

pop. population

POW prisoner of war

pp very softly (pianissimo)

pp. pages

pro. professional

Prof. Professor / professional

PS written after (postscript)

PSV public service vehicle (van)

pt point / pint / part

Pt Port

PTA parent-teacher association

Pte	Private
PTO	please turn over
PVR	personal video recorder
q.v.	as much as you wish (from quod vide)
qr	quarter
R.	King / Queen (Latin Rex / Regina)
R.	River
RAM	random-access memory
Rd	Road
RE	religious education
Re.	reason for the letter / subject of the letter
ref	referee
ref.	reference
reg.	registration
Rev. (Revd)	Reverend
RIP (R.I.P.)	rest in peace
ROM	read-only memory
RPG	rocket propelled grenade
RSPCA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
RSVP (R.S.V.P)	please reply
RT	retweet
Rt Hon.	Right Honourable

Rt Rev.	Right Reverend
RTA	road traffic accident
S	South
S/N	serial number
SAE	stamped addressed envelope
SASE	self-addressed stamped envelope
Sat.	Saturday
SD	secure digital
SD card	secure digital card
SDHC card	secure digital high capacity card
sec.	second(s)
Sec.	Secretary
Secy	Secretary
Sen.	Senator
Sept.	September
Sgt	Sergeant
shs.	shillings
SIM	subscriber identification module
sms	short message service / short messaging system
So.	South
Soc.	Society
SOPs	standard operating procedures

SOS	save our souls
sq.	square
Sr (Snr)	Senior
SS	Saints
St	Saint / Street / State
st.	stone (NB in weight)
Ste	Suite
Sun.	Sunday
Supt	Superintendent
SW	short wave / south-west
TB	terabyte
tech	technology
Tel. (tel.)	telephone
temp.	temperature
Thur.	Thursday
Tue.	Tuesday
TV	television
UHF	ultra-high frequency
ult.	last month (from ultimo)
UNEB	Uganda National Examinations Board
Univ.	University
UPE	Universal Primary Education

URL	Uniform Resource Locator
USB	universal serial bus
USE	Universal Secondary Education
USPA	Uganda Society for the Protection of Animals
USSD	unstructured supplementary service data
Utd	United
UWEC	Uganda Wildlife Education Centre
v.s.	veterinary surgeon
vac	vacation
VAR	video assistant referee
VAT	value added tax
VCL	visual component library
veg	vegetable(s)
vet	veterinary surgeon / veterinarian
VHF	very high frequency
via	by way of
VIP	Very Important Person
viz.	namely (from videlicet/ videre licet)
virus	vital information sources under siege
VJ	video jockey
VLE	virtual learning environment
vol.	volume

VPN	virtual private network
VR	virtual reality
vs (v)	versus
W	West
w.e.f.	with effect from
w/c	week commencing
WAN	wide area network
WAP	wireless application protocol
WCU	Wildlife Club of Uganda
Wed.	Wednesday
WiFi	wireless fidelity
WMD	weapon of mass destruction
wpm	word per minute
WSPA	World Society for the Protection of Animals
WWW	World Wide Web
yr	year

Explanatory Notes

a)Abbreviations for organisations are written with each word beginning with a capital letter (uppercase letters) e.g.

IDA In Defence of Animals

AVAR Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights

NB: The prepositions aren't capitalised because they are not part of the abbreviation.

b) Titles and words linked to proper nouns should begin with capital letters e.g.

Hon. Honourable (Honourable Nandala Mafabi)

Fr Father (Father Olema0

Sr Senior (Walter Cots, Sr)

Ag Acting (Acting Manager)

Esq. Esquire (Maga Gerald, Esq.)

Asst Assistant (Assistant Manager)

Sec. Secretary (Secretary General)

Co. Imperial British east African Company

Soc. Royal Geographical Society

Assoc. Federation of International Football Association

Mt Mount (Mount Elgon)

Ltd Limited (Ntake Bakeries Limited)

Rd Road (Kumi Road)

Ln. Lane (Kakungulu Lane)

St Street (Luwumu Street)

St Saint (Saint James)

Gt Great (Great Britain)

Hwy Highway (Jinja Highway)

Ct Court (Supreme Court , High Court)

Ft Fort (Fort Patiko)

Pt Port (Port Bell)

Apt Apartment (Main Street, Apartment 4B)

Ste Suite (Abbra Shopping Centre, Suite 22)

VIP Very Important Person

c) Given that the last letter in the word happens to be the last letter in its abbreviation, a dot/ period / full stop is not put at the end. NB: Titles are a bit exceptional because they may or may not take a dot.

Mister Mr (Mr.)

Doctor Dr (Dr.)

Road Rd

Limited Ltd

Court Ct

d) Abbreviations that can be used orally/ verbally do not take a dot e.g.

vac vacation

vet veterinary surgeon / veterinarian

TV television

ad advertisement

ref referee

app application

bro brother

e) Abbreviations denoting length, weight and capacity do not take full stops e.g.

l litre

m metre

mm millimetre

kg kilogram

cl centilitre

ml millilitre

km kilometre

oz ounce(s)

<u>Categories</u>

1. **Abbreviations originating from Italian include**

pp very softly (pianissimo)

ff very loudly (fortissimo)

oz ounce/ ounces (onza)

2. **Abbreviations originating from French include**

RSVP please reply (repondez s'il vous plait)

ADC aide-de-camp (personal assistant)

3. Most abbreviations originate from Latin

i.e. that is (id est)

e.g. for example / for instance (exempli gratia)

etc. and so on / and so forth (et cetera0

viz. namely (videlicet / videre licet)

a.m. before noon (ante meridiem)

p.m. after noon (post meridiem)

ad in the year of our Lord (Anno Domini)

RIP rest in peace (requiescat in pace)

NB note carefully (nota bene)

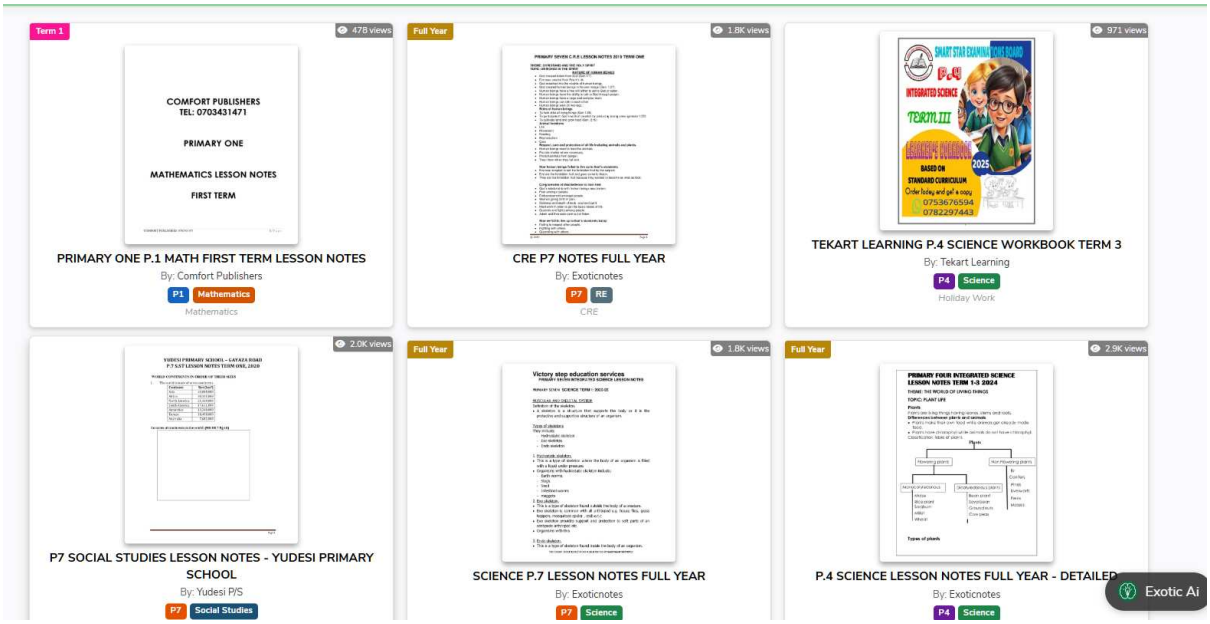
CV course of life (curriculum vitae)

INRI Jesus of Nazareth, king of the Jews (Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum)

No. number (numero)

PS written after / postscript (post scriptum)

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