

Acronym Examples

An acronym is a type of abbreviation formed from the initial letters of a series of words, creating a new word that is spoken as it's written. These linguistic shortcuts are used for efficiency and often become words we regularly use without thinking about their longer meanings.

- **ASAP** - As Soon As Possible
- **NASA** - National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- **SCUBA** - Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus
- **LASER** - Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
- **NATO** - North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- **AIDS** - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
- **SIM** - Subscriber Identity Module
- **RAM** - Random Access Memory
- **OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- **SWAT** - Special Weapons And Tactics
- **UNESCO** - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- **UNICEF** - United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
- **AWOL** - Absent Without Leave
- **SONAR** - Sound Navigation And Ranging
- **TASER** - Thomas A. Swift's Electric Rifle
- **ZIP** - Zone Improvement Plan
- **SARS** - Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
- **POTUS** - President Of The United States
- **GIF** - Graphics Interchange Format
- **JPEG** - Joint Photographic Experts Group
- **NIMBY** - Not In My Back Yard
- **AMBER** - America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response
- **OPEC** - Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
- **PETA** - People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

- **SAARC** - South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- **SIDS** - Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- **STEM** - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- **WYSIWYG** - What You See Is What You Get
- **BASIC** - Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code
- **DINK** - Dual Income, No Kids
- **HUD** - Housing and Urban Development
- **NEST** - Nuclear Emergency Support Team
- **QUANGO** - Quasi-Autonomous Non-Governmental Organization
- **TIARA** - Tactical Intelligence And Related Activities
- **VISTA** - Volunteers in Service to America
- **WAIS** - Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale
- **PACER** - Public Access to Court Electronic Records
- **MIRV** - Multiple Independently targetable Reentry Vehicle
- **JATO** - Jet-Assisted Take Off
- **ICBM** - Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
- **HEPA** - High-Efficiency Particulate Air
- **EMT** - Emergency Medical Technician
- **COMSAT** - Communications Satellite Corporation
- **AWACS** - Airborne Warning and Control System
- **ASCII** - American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- **AED** - Automated External Defibrillator
- **ACLU** - American Civil Liberties Union
- **ABM** - Anti-Ballistic Missile
- **RADAR** - Radio Detection And Ranging
- **FEMA** - Federal Emergency Management Agency