

Acronyms

Definition

An acronym is a word formed by combining the initial letters of a word or series of words to form a phrase, a single word, or a new word. Some popular examples are:

PIN : personal identification number

GIF : Graphics interchange format

Exercise 1

Here are a list of some familiar acronyms. Can you match their meaning?

LOL	Before Anyone Else
ASAP	Be Back Soon
WALL-E	Laughing Out Loud
BAE	Be On The Look Out
BBS	First In First Out
BTW	As Soon As Possible
ROFL	Rolling On The Floor Laughing
BOLO	By The Way
FISH	Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class
SMH	Talk to You Later
TTYL	Shaking My Head

Some more acronyms.

Military and Government Acronyms

OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration

AWOL – Absent Without Leave

SWAT – Special Weapons And Tactics

CSI – Crime Scene Investigation

MIA – Missing in Action

Informative

SONAR – Sound Navigation And Ranging

RADAR – Radio Detection And ranging

DARE – Drug Abuse Resistance Education

ZIP code- zone Improvement Plan code

Common

UFO – Unidentified Flying Object

PPV- Pay Per View

IQ – Intelligence Quotient

TED – Tell me, Explain to me, Describe to me

PS – Post Script

Exercise 2

Discuss the value of using the following acronyms

CAPTCHA – Completely Automated Public Turning Test

DIY – Do It Yourself

ESL – English As A Second Language

DOB – Date of Birth

FAQ- Frequently Asked questions

SMART Goals – Specific, Measurable ,Attainable, Realistic, Time-bound Goals