

ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) Are you interested in learning abbreviations and acronyms in English?
- 2) Do you know lots of abbreviations and acronyms?
- 3) Do you think abbreviations and acronyms are useful?
- 4) Do you have a favorite abbreviation or acronym?
- 5) Do you think alphabets that don't have an English script (Chinese, Russian, Arabic, etc.) use abbreviations and acronyms?
- 6) Do you know the punctuation rules for abbreviations and acronyms?
- 7) What do you think are the world's most common abbreviations and acronyms?
- 8) Do you ever invent your own acronyms to help you study?
- 9) The website www.abbreviationz.com says "RSVP" is one of the most popular queries. Do you know what it means?
- 10) What acronym could you create for your name?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) What is the difference between an abbreviation and an acronym?
- 2) How many United Nations abbreviations and acronyms do you know?
- 3) Are there many abbreviations and acronyms in your language?
- 4) What do you think about spending a whole English lesson on abbreviations and acronyms?
- 5) Can you keep up to date with computer and technology abbreviations and acronyms (WIFI, WAP, ISP, WWW, etc.)?
- 6) Do you think abbreviations in e-mail and text messages are adding to or ruining the English (or your) language?
- 7) The website www.abbreviationz.com lists 33 different meanings for "BYOB". Can you think of any?
- 8) "Scuba", "modem", "radar", "laser" and "NATO" are all acronyms. Do you know what they mean?
- 9) Would you like to study for an MA or PhD?
- 10) What do *ante meridian* and *post meridian* refer to?

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