

ABBREVIATIONS IN FRENCH - ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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Abstract

In today's fast-paced digital world, abbreviations and acronyms have become an integral part of communication. Whether it's personal or professional emails, text messages, or even conversations, understanding abbreviations is crucial. This is especially true for those learning French, as French abbreviations play a significant role in comprehending the language. In this comprehensive guide, we will explore the top common French abbreviations and acronyms, their meanings, and how they are used in various contexts. So, let's dive in and unravel the world of French abbreviations!

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Before we delve into the world of French abbreviations, let's clarify what abbreviations and acronyms actually are. Abbreviations are contracted or shortened forms of phrases or words, and acronyms are a specific type of abbreviation formed by the first letters of a multi-word noun, term, or phrase [1-2].

Now that we have a clear understanding of the terminology, let's explore the different types of abbreviations included in this guide [3-4]:

1. French Abbreviations for Personal and Professional Use
2. French Abbreviations for Texting
3. French Abbreviations for Months

4. Top Common French Acronyms

French Abbreviations for Personal and Professional Use

These French abbreviations are commonly used in personal and professional contexts. Whether you're traveling to a French-speaking country or interacting with French-speaking individuals on a regular basis, these abbreviations will prove to be incredibly handy [5-6].

Here are some of the most common French abbreviations and their English equivalents:

Table 1

Some of the most common French abbreviations and their English equivalents

French	Stands for	English Equivalent/Meaning
adj.	adjectif	adjective
adv.	adverbe	adverb
auj.	aujourd'hui	today
bât.	bâtiment	building
bcp	beaucoup	a lot
bonjour	-	hello/good morning
salut	-	hi/bye
bonsoir	-	good evening
c'est à dire	-	that is to say
cordialement	-	sincerely
Dr.	docteur	doctor
ex.	exemple	example
fam.	familier	familiar
vulg.	vulgaire	vulgar
v.	verb	verb
sing.	singulier	singular
pl.	pluriel	plural
siècle	-	century
qq ch.	quelque chose	something
qq'un	quelqu'un	someone
psych.	psychologue	psychologist
prép.	préposition	preposition
prépa	préparation	preparation
fém.	féminin	female noun
masc.	masculin	male noun
maths	mathématiques	mathematics

French	Stands for	English Equivalent/Meaning
J.-C.	Jésus Christ	Jesus Christ
irr.	irrégulier	irregular
hist.	histoire	history
géo.	géographie	geography
week-end	-	weekend
Mme	Madame	Mrs.
M.	Monsieur	Mr.
Mlle*	Mademoiselle	Miss*

French Abbreviations for Texting

In our digital age, texting has become an integral part of communication. To navigate the world of French texting, it's essential to familiarize yourself with the commonly used French abbreviations. These abbreviations will help you communicate more efficiently and effectively with French-speaking friends and acquaintances [7-8].

Here are some frequently used French abbreviations for texting:

Table 2

Some frequently used French abbreviations for texting

French	Stands for	English Equivalent/Meaning
A+	à plus tard/à plus	see you later
B1	bien	good
bzz	bisou	kiss
c	c'est	it's
cc	coucou	hey/hi
désolé(e)	-	sorry
é	et	and
j'ai	-	I have
jlé	Je l'ai	I have it
fr	frère	brother
j'tdr	je t'adore	I adore you
JTM	je t'aime	I love you
qui	-	who
ksk	qu'est-ce que	what is
keske	qu'est-ce que c'est	what is it
qd	quand	when
lequel	-	which
comme	-	like
lui	-	him
elle	-	she
m^me	même	even
mnt	maintenant	now
mort(e) de rire	-	laughing out loud
pcq	parce que	because
ptdr	pété(e) de rire	rolling on the floor laughing
ms	mais	but
msg	message	message
nez	non	no
wa/wat	toi	you
osi	aussi	also
t'es	tu es	you are
exlt	excellent	excellent
1/une	-	a/an
2/de	-	of
7/cet or cette	-	this
9/neuf	-	new
100/sans	-	without

French Abbreviations for Months

When it comes to abbreviating months in French, there are several commonly used abbreviations. These abbreviations are widely recognized and can be used in various contexts. Let's take a look at the abbreviated forms of the months in French [9-10]:

French	Stands for
janv.	janvier
févr.	février
juil.	juillet
sept.	septembre
oct.	octobre
nov.	novembre
déc.	décembre

Top Common French Acronyms

French people love acronyms, and they are widely used in various contexts. Acronyms save time and simplify communication, making them an integral part of French language and culture. Let's explore some of the most common French acronyms [11-12]:

Table 3

Some of the most common French acronyms

French	Stands for	English Equivalent/Meaning
A	Agriculture biologique	organic agriculture
ADN	Acide désoxyribonucléique	deoxyribonucleic acid
DOM-TOM	Départements d'outre-mer et Territoires d'outre-mer	Overseas departments and territories
AF	Allocations familiales	family allowances (social subsidies)
AR	Accusé/avis de réception	notice of receipt
BCBG	Bon chic bon genre	elegant/posh (Parisian upper class)
BTP	Bâtiments et travaux publics	building and public works
BTS	Brevet de technicien supérieur	senior technician diploma
BP	Boîte postale	post office box
CB	Carte bancaire/carte bleue	bank card/credit card
CDD	Contrat à durée déterminée	fixed-term work contract
CDI	Contrat à durée indéterminée	work contract for an indefinite period
CNED	Centre national d'enseignement à distance	remote learning national center
DALF	Diplôme approfondi de langue française	diploma of advanced French language
DELF	Diplôme d'études en langue française	diploma of French language studies
DAB	Distributeur automatique de billets	ATM
PACS	Pacte civil de solidarité	civil solidarity pact
PDG	Président-directeur général	President and Chief Executive Officer
PIB	Produit intérieur brut	gross domestic product
RSV	Répondez s'il vous plaît	please answer
SAMU	Secours d'aide médicale d'urgence	emergency medical aid
TGV	Train à grande vitesse	high-speed train
VF	Version française	French version
VO/VOST	Version originale/version originale sous-titrée	original version/subtitled original version
VTT	Vélo tout terrain	mountain bike

With these common French acronyms, you'll be able to navigate conversations and written materials more effectively.

Conclusions

Learning French abbreviations and acronyms is essential for understanding personal and professional communication, texting, and various aspects of the French language. By familiarizing yourself with these abbreviations, you'll not only save time but also sound cool and knowledgeable. Whether you're planning to travel to a francophone country or communicating with

French-speaking individuals, these abbreviations will prove to be invaluable. So, embrace the world of French abbreviations and acronyms and enhance your French language skills!

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