

Common DICTIONARY ABBREVIATIONS (SHORT FORMS)

abbr	abbreviation	n	noun
adj	adjective	neg	negative
adv	adverb	NZ	New Zealand
adv part	adverbial particle	pers	person, personal
app	appendix	phr v	phrasal verb(s)
approv	approving	pl	plural
arch	archaic	possess	possessive
art	article	pp	past participle
attrib	attributive	pred	predicative
Austral	Australian	pref	prefix
aux	auxiliary	prep	preposition
Brit	British (spelling, pronunciation, etc)	pres p	present participle
comb form	combining form	pres t	present tense
compar	comparative (form of an adjective, adverb)	pron	pronoun
conj	conjunction	propriet	proprietary
def	definite	pt	past tense
derog	derogatory	reflex	reflexive
det	determiner	rel	relative
emph	emphatic	rhet	rhetorical
esp	especially	sb / sm	somebody / someone
euph	euphemistic	Scot	Scottish
fem	feminine	sing	singular
fig	figurative	sl	slang
fml	formal	sth	something
idm	idiom(s)	suff	suffix
illus	illustration	superl	superlative (form of an adjective, adverb)
indef	indefinite	symb	symbol
infin	infinitive	US	United States
infml	informal		(spelling, pronunciation, etc)
interj	interjection	usu	usually
interrog	interrogative	v	verb
joc	jocular	↑	taboo
masc	masculine		
etc.	et cetera		
e.g.	for example		
ex.	exercise		

The tilde (~) is used in certain parts of an entry to replace the word in bold at the head of the entry.