



ACTIVITY 1

Practise the pronunciation of these *abbreviations* using the appropriate stress pattern. Provide their meaning.

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| IQ | IDD | MD | HIV | VCR | ASAP | BMW | JP | UV | MBA |
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ACTIVITY 2

Practise saying these *acronyms*. Do you know the meaning of these acronyms?

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| NASA | ROM | UNICEF | OPEC | PIN |
| LAN | NIDA | IATA | SIDS | PAL |



ACTIVITY 3

Choosing the correct Latin abbreviation to complete the sentences in the quiz.

NB. In formal academic writing it is best to avoid using abbreviations, or at least minimise using them. The following Latin abbreviations are acceptable in formal academic writing.

| Abbreviation | Latin word | Meaning |
|--------------|----------------|--|
| eg | exempli gratia | for example |
| etc | et cetera | and so on, and all others |
| ie | id est | that is, in other words, this means |
| NB | Nota bene | note well, make note |
| AD (A.D.) | anno Domini | in the year of our Lord – used after the beginning of the Western calendar |
| BC (B.C.) | before Christ | used before the beginning of the Western calendar |
| am (AM) | ante meridiem | before midday |
| c. or ca. | circa | approximately, about |
| cf. | confer | compare |
| et al | et alii | and others |
| ibid. | ibidem | in the same place |
| loc. cit. | loco citato | in the places already mentioned |
| op. cit. | opera citato | in the work already mentioned |
| pm (PM) | post meridiem | after midday |
| q.v. | quod vide | refer to, see |
| viz. | videlicet | namely, that is to say |
| vs. | versus | against, opposing |

Question 1: This film is for adults only, _____ those who are over 18 years of age.

Answer:
 a. etc
 b. ie
 c. ca

Question 2: Universities, institutes and technical colleges of further education, _____ places of higher education, are mostly funded by the government, but students must also pay heavy fees.

Answer:
 a. ie
 b. viz
 c. etc

Question 3: Sydney as a tourist destination depends on two key attractions, _____ the Opera House and the city's beaches.

Answer:
 a. eg
 b. viz
 c. NB



Question 4: The tour of Sydney will include several places of interest and great scenic beauty, _____ The Rocks, the Opera House, and Bondi Beach.

Answer:
a. eg
b. ie
c. etc

Question 5: Besides Russia and the United States of America, only one other country has managed to put a man into space, _____ China.

Answer:
a. vis
b. eg
c. NB

Question 6: There are several sports, which you can enjoy at the beach, _____ surfing, wind surfing and beach volleyball.

Answer:
a. etc
b. ie
c. eg

Question 7: Traditional foreign languages, French, German, Japanese _____, are being dropped from the high school curriculum and students these days are learning Chinese (Mandarin) or Thai instead.

Answer:
a. eg
b. ie
c. etc

Question 8: The soccer match in the World Cup, Brazil _____ Germany was the most exciting.

Answer:
a. viz
b. vs
c. cf

Question 9: It was a departmental team effort – the textbook was written by several lecturers: Jones, Hunt, Petrie _____.

Answer:
a. ibid
b. et al
c. etc

Question 10: Julius Caesar lead the Roman invasion of Britain a generation or so before the birth of Christ, c. 32 _____.

Answer:
a. AD
b. am
c. BC



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| IQ | /,aɪ'kju/ | intelligence quotient |
| IDD | /,aɪ,di'di/ | international direct dialing |
| MD | /,ɛm'di/ | doctor of medicine (or mini disc) |
| HIV | /,eɪtʃ,ɑɪ'vi/ | human immunodeficiency virus |
| VCR | /,vi,si'a/ | video cassette recorder |
| ASAP | /,eɪ,ɛs,eɪ'pi/ | as soon as possible |
| BMW | /,bi,ɛm'dʌbəlju/ | Bavarian motor works |
| JP | /,dʒeɪ'pi/ | justice of the peace |
| UV | /,ju'vi/ | ultraviolet |
| MBA | /,ɛm,bi'eɪ/ | master of business administration |

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

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| NASA | /'næsə/ | National Aeronautic and Space Administration |
| ROM | /rɒm/ | Read-Only Memory |
| UNICEF | /'junəsɛf/ | United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund |
| OPEC | /'oʊpek/ | Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries |
| PIN | /pɪn/ | Personal Identification Number |
| LAN | /læn/ | Local Area Network |
| NIDA | /naɪdə/ | National Institute of Dramatic Art |
| IATA | /aɪ'atə/ | International Air Transport Association |
| SIDS | /sɪdz/ | Sudden Infant Death Syndrome |
| PAL | /pæl/ | Phase Alternative Line |



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