

ACTIVITY 1

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

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?

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

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

IQ	/,aɪ'kju/	intelligence quotient
IDD	/,aɪ,di'di/	international direct dialing
MD	/,ɛm'di/	doctor of medicine (or mini disc)
HIV	/,eɪtʃ,aɪ'vi/	human immunodeficiency virus
VCR	/,vi,sɪ'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

NASA	/'næsə/	National Aeronautic and Space Administration
ROM	/rɒm/	Read-Only Memory
UNICEF	/'junəseɪf/	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

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 3

1. This film is for adults only, ie those who are over 18 years of age.
2. Universities, institutes and technical colleges of further education, ie places of higher education, are mostly funded by the government, but students must also pay heavy fees.
3. Sydney as a tourist destination depends on two key attractions, viz. the Opera House and the city's beaches.
4. The tour of Sydney will include several places of interest and great scenic beauty, eg The Rocks, the Opera House, and Bondi Beach.
5. Besides Russia and the United States of America, only one other country has managed to put a man into space, viz. China.
6. There are several sports, which you can enjoy at the beach, eg surfing, wind surfing and beach volleyball.
7. Traditional foreign languages, French, German, Japanese etc., are being dropped from the high school curriculum and students these days are learning Chinese (Mandarin) or Thai instead.
8. The soccer match in the World Cup, Brazil vs Germany was the most exciting.
9. It was a departmental team effort – the textbook was written by several lecturers: Jones, Hunt, Petrie et al.
10. Julius Caesar lead the Roman invasion of Britain a generation or so before the birth of Christ, c. 32 BC.