

Acronym Context Clues Answer Key

Acronym Meanings:

1. **FAA** – Federal Aviation Administration (makes air travel safe)
2. **PDF** – Portable Document Format (keeps digital documents the same on all devices)
3. **GPS** – Global Positioning System (helps locate and guide directions)
4. **DVD** – Digital Versatile Disc (stores movies or digital data)

Teacher's Guide

- Before reading, discuss how context clues help identify unfamiliar words or symbols.
- Model one passage by reading aloud and pausing to ask, "What hints help us guess this acronym's meaning?"
- Encourage students to justify their answers using specific words or phrases from the text.
- There are no right or no wrong answers; students' answers just need to prove that their guess is based on context clues.

Differentiation Ideas:

- **Younger students (Grades 5–6):** Offer multiple-choice options for each acronym's meaning.

Engagement and Extension:

- Connect this lesson to **STEM or media literacy** by finding acronyms used in technology or social media (e.g., AI, NFT, HTML).
- For creative extension, have students invent a new acronym and write a short paragraph using context clues to reveal its meaning.