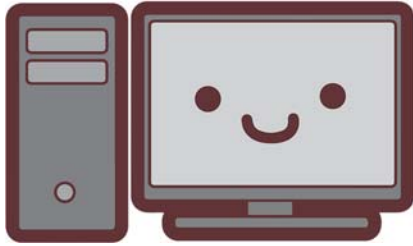


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Shortcut Talk

Directions: Read the passage below carefully. Then answer the short-response questions that follow in complete sentences.

Acronyms: The Shortcut Language of Modern Communication

Acronyms have become the backbone of fast communication in nearly every part of society. In media, people rely on shortened forms like DM (Direct Message) or FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) to save time and space. In science, complex ideas such as DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) or AI (Artificial Intelligence) are easier to discuss using short, memorable terms. Meanwhile, business professionals constantly use acronyms like CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and ROI (Return on Investment) to exchange information efficiently.

However, while acronyms improve speed and clarity for experts, they can also confuse outsiders unfamiliar with the terms. The growing use of acronyms in digital spaces means readers must constantly learn new ones to keep up. Whether they simplify or complicate communication depends on how clearly they are introduced and understood.

Comprehension Questions

1. What are acronyms, and why are they useful in communication?
2. How do acronyms help people in the field of media? Give one example from the text.
3. Why might acronyms be important for scientists? Provide at least one example.
4. According to the passage, how are acronyms used in business?
5. What is one problem that can happen when people use too many acronyms?
6. What does the author suggest determines whether acronyms make communication easier or harder?
7. In your opinion, do acronyms make communication better or more confusing? Explain your reasoning in two to three sentences.