

ANSWERS's Who? Abbreviations for People's Titles

An **abbreviation** is a shortened form of a word or phrase. An abbreviation includes letters taken from the word or phrase. People's titles and names often use abbreviations.

Abbreviations Before Names

Doctor	→	Dr.	Captain	→	Capt.
Mister	→	Mr.	President	→	Pres.
Missus	→	Mrs.	Governor	→	Gov.
Miss	→	Ms.	Secretary	→	Sec.
Reverend	→	Rev.	Senator	→	Sen.
Honorable	→	Hon.	Representative	→	Rep.
Professor	→	Prof.	Saint	→	St.
General	→	Gen.	Sergeant	→	Sgt.
Private	→	Pvt.	Detective	→	Det.

Abbreviations After Names

Esquire	→	Esq.
Junior	→	Jr.
Senior	→	Sr.
Bachelor of Art	→	B.A.
Bachelor of Science	→	B.S.
Master of Art	→	M.A.
Master of Science	→	M.S.
Medical Doctor	→	M.D.
Juris Doctor	→	J.D.
Doctor of Philosophy	→	Ph.D.
Doctor of Education	→	Ed.D.
Doctor of Dental Surgery	→	D.D.S.

Directions: Rewrite each sentence with the correct abbreviations.

1. President Carter met with Secretary Vance to discuss the matter.

Pres. Carter met with Sec. Vance to discuss the matter.

2. Detective Miller is on that case, and I know he'll talk to Private Smith.

Det. Miller is on that case, and I know he'll talk to Pvt. Smith.

3. Robert Keeney Junior is my math tutor.

Robert Keeney Jr. is my math tutor.

4. Honorable Judge Johnson will oversee this trial.

Hon. Judge Johnson will oversee this trial.

Name: _____

Date: _____

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5. Professor Hayward, Doctor of Philosophy is out for lunch.

Prof. Hayward, Ph.D. is out for lunch.

6. I called my lawyer, Shannon Rugnetta, Juris Doctor, for a meeting.

I called my lawyer, Shannon Rugnetta, J.D. for a meeting.

7. Governor Davis and Senator Vilms will speak at the event.

Gov. Davis and Sen. Vilms will speak at the event.

8. It is important to contact Representative Deen about this issue.

It is important to contact Rep. Deen about this issue.

9. Doctor Wood had a conversation with Sergeant Mendez yesterday.

Dr. Wood had a conversation with Sgt. Mendez yesterday.

10. I saw the sign outside of the office that said, "Angela Lew, Doctor of Dental Surgery."

I saw the sign outside of the office that said,
"Angela Lew, D.D.S."

11. **Challenge!** Write your own sentence using at least two of the abbreviations for people's titles.

Answers will vary.