

## **Redeeming the Time: Abbreviations**

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Redeeming the Time: This is a Christian concept meaning to convert time into value, to recover, to not waste.

Abbreviation Definition: To shorten or reduce a word or phrase. Used for brevity. Even the word abbreviation is abbreviated (abbrev.) !

Sometimes, instead of writing a proper name in full, we write only one or two letters of the name. Instead of writing Patrick Henry, for example, we may write P. Henry. Try abbreviating your name with just taking the letter of your first name and placing a period behind it and writing your last name beside it. Now, do the same thing and add on the initial to your middle name. Do this with the names of your mother, father, sister, brother, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, etc.

Rule: Every abbreviation should be followed by a period. Abbreviations of proper names, when single letters are always written in capital letters.

## Months

January = Jan.  
March = Mar.  
May = May  
July = July  
September = Sept.  
November = Nov.

February = Feb.  
April = Apr.  
June = June  
August = Aug.  
October = Oct.  
December = Dec.

## Flashcards

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jan.</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p><u>Origin</u>: Roman god of the gates/doors, 2 faces &amp; god of beginnings, Janus</p> <p><u>holidays</u>: 1st = New Year's Day 3rd/4th Mon = Lee/Jackson Day</p> <p>month: 1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Feb.</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p><u>Origin</u>: "februa", ancient Roman feast of purification</p> <p><u>holidays</u>: 14th = Valentine's Day 22nd = Washington's Birthday 3rd/4th Mon = President's Day</p> <p>month: 2</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mar.</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p><u>Origin</u>: Mars, Roman god of war</p> <p><u>holidays</u>: 17th = St. Patrick's Day Sometimes Easter, Palm Sunday, Good Friday &amp; Maundy Thursday</p> <p>month: 3</p>

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<p><b>Apr.</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p><b>April</b></p> <p><u>Origin:</u> Greek goddess Aphrodite; Latin for "open" when flowers open in spring</p> <p><u>holidays:</u> 1st = April Fool's Day Sometimes Easter, Palm Sunday, Good Friday &amp; Maundy Thursday</p> <p>month: 4</p>
<p><b>May</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p><b>May (no abbrev.)</b></p> <p><u>Origin:</u> Roman earth goddess Maia</p> <p><u>holidays:</u> Mother's Day Memorial Day</p> <p>month: 5</p>
<p><b>June</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p><b>June (no abbrev.)</b></p> <p><u>Origin:</u> Junius was powerful Roman family; Juno Roman goddess protecting women</p> <p><u>holidays:</u> 14th = Flag Day Father's Day</p> <p>month: 6</p>
<p><b>July</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p><b>July (no abbrev.)</b></p> <p><u>Origin:</u> Roman Gaius Julius Caesar</p> <p><u>holidays:</u> 4th = Independence Day</p> <p>month: 7</p>

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<h2>Aug.</h2> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<h3>August</h3> <p><u>Origin:</u> Roman Augustus Caesar, Rome's 1st emperor</p> <p>month: 8</p>
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<h2>Sept.</h2> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<h3>September</h3> <p><u>Origin:</u> Roman word for Septem (seven) - Rome's 7th month before Julius Caesar changed the calendar</p> <p><u>holidays:</u> 1st = Labor Day</p> <p>month: 9</p>
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<h2>Oct.</h2> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<h3>October</h3> <p><u>Origin:</u> 8th month of Rome's calendar; <i>octo</i> is Latin for 8; later it became the 10th month</p> <p><u>holidays:</u> 12th = Columbus Day 31st = Reformation Day</p> <p>month: 10</p>
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<h2>Nov.</h2> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<h3>November</h3> <p><u>Origin:</u> Latin <i>novum</i> means 9; 9th month in ancient Rome until Julius Caesar changed it</p> <p><u>holidays:</u> last Thurs. = Thanksgiving Election Day, Veterans' Day</p> <p>month: 11</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dec.</b></p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 1997-2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December</b></p> <p><u>Origin</u>: Latin <i>decem</i> means 10; 10th month in ancient Rome until Julius Caesar changed it</p> <p><u>holidays</u>: 25th = Christmas (Christ's Mass) 31st = New Year's Eve</p> <p>month: 12</p>
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