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Abbreviations and Acronyms

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This page will be updated as often as we find new abbreviations that folks are asking about. If the word is one that some would think is offensive (swearing, for example) we will use * instead of each letter in the details below.

You may see these abbreviations/acronyms used with all caps or no caps.

AFAIK	As far as I know
ATM	At the moment
BRB	Be right back – you'll see this more when you are using an instant messenger kind of app where you may be in a 'real-time' kind of chat with someone
BTW/OBTW	By the way / Oh, by the way
DM / IM	Direct Message/Instant Message—use the personal message part of whichever app you are using when someone tells you this
DNF	Did not finish—usually referring to books or movies/series
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FOMO	Fear of missing out
FWIW	For what it's worth
GM	Good morning
GOAT	Greatest of all time
G2G or GTG	Got to go
HMU	Hit me up (social invitation)
HTH	Hope this helps / Hope that helps
ICYMI	In case you missed it
IDC	I don't care
IDK	I don't know
IIRC	If I remember correctly
IMHO	In my humble opinion - could also be IMO = in my opinion
IOW	In other words

IP	Intellectual property (when context is who owns an idea)
IP	Internet protocol (when context is an 'IP address' or virtual address of how you are accessing the internet)
IRL	In real life
ISO	In search of
IYKYK	If you know, you know (usually referring to information that is meant to show that you are part of a specific group of people who would understand these things)
JK	Just kidding
JOMO	Joy of missing out (used by those who are trying to not be motivated by FOMO)
KK	OK
LMAO	Laughing my A** off
LMK	Let me know
LOL	Laughing out loud – also used to be ROTFLOL = rolling on the floor laughing out loud
MYOB / MYB	Mind your own business / Mind your business
NBD	No big deal
NIB	New in box—usually said in posts selling something
OBTW	Oh, by the way
OFC	Of course
OG	Original
OMG	Oh my G** or Oh my Goodness or Oh my gosh (also Omgsh)
OMW	On my way
OTD	On this day or on the daily (how frequently someone does something)
POV	Point of View (usually refers to a video that is going to be showing you the ride/exhibition/etc. as if you were there, experiencing it for yourself)
RN	Right now
SIU	Suck it up
SMH	Shaking my head – disappointed, frustrated
TBH	To be honest
TIA / TYIA	Thanks in advance (usually used with a request)
TIL	Today I learned
TLDR	Too long to read (usually in a comment regarding a post that was too long to read the whole thing but commenter wanted to give their opinion)
TYIA	Thank you in advance
TYSM	Thank you so much
TYVM	Thank you very much
TTFN	Ta ta for now

TBH To be honest

Wyd What you doing? Also can be Wuu2=what you up to? Also can be Wubu2=what you been up to?

WTF or WTH What the F*** or What the Heck/H***

YMMV Your mileage may vary (your circumstances/results may be different than mine)