

Word	Abbreviation
Mister	Mr.
Mistress or Missus	Mrs.
Doctor	Dr.
Miss	Ms.

Print this work on cardstock and laminate.

This work is a great introduction to abbreviations. You can explain to children that we use abbreviations to shorten long, frequently-used words or terms.

There are hundreds of abbreviations, so this is only a small sample. A child who is interested in learning more can certainly research the topic and come up with more abbreviations.

These cards can be divided into two sets, if you like, and since it contains abbreviations for both standard and metric measurements, you can omit whichever one you don't use (although I think it's nice for kids to be familiar with both kinds of measurement).

Other impt. abbreviations include:

**months of the year**  
**days of the week**  
**country names**  
**state or province names**

There's a wide range of ways to write abbreviations: some are all caps, some have periods and some don't. In many cases, it's acceptable with or without the period; caps or no caps. For example: **am** or **a.m.** or **AM**.

A fun book on this subject is called Punctuation Tales: The Amazing Abbreviation Machine by Justin McCory Martin, available from Scholastic.

ante meridiem (before noon)	am or a.m.
post meridiem (afternoon)	pm or p.m.
hour	hr.
Street	St.
Avenue	Ave.

north	N
south	S
east	E
west	W
mountain	mt. or Mt.

inch	in.
Fahrenheit	F
foot	ft.
pound	lb.
miles per hour	mph

centimeter	cm
kilogram	kg
kilometer	km
millimeter	mm
Celsius (Centigrade)	C