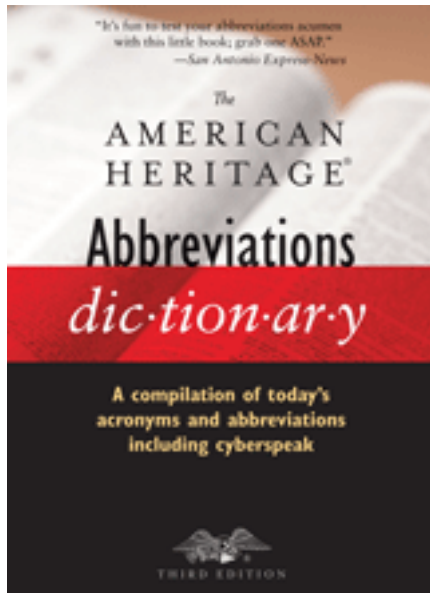


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The American Heritage® Abbreviations Dictionary, Third Edition

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A Comprehensive Compilation of Today's Acronyms and Abbreviations, Including Cyberspeak

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Ever been caught ROTFL? Do you watch romcoms? Are you in an LDR?

Definitions of these abbreviations, along with more than 20,000 others, are found in *The American Heritage® Abbreviations Dictionary, Third Edition*. Whether you're deciphering business correspondence, scanning personal ads, navigating the Internet, or trying to translate text message and chatroom abbreviations, this handy little book has the answers.

Current and topical, it includes up-to-date coverage of the latest technologies, with entries such as TAS (time addressable storage) and VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) as well as all the shortcuts you need to know when sending or reading a text message, such as YKWIM (You know what I mean?), POS (parent over shoulder), and ROTFL (rolling on the floor laughing).

New additions to the dictionary include

- **AAFES** (Army and Air Force Exchange Service)
- **b/c** (because)
- **BFF** (best friend forever)
- **D2D** (dusk to dawn)
- **EBITDA** (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization)
- **j/k** (just kidding)
- **JTLYK** (just to let you know)
- **LDR** (long-distance relationship)
- **OTTOMH** (off the top of my head)
- **romcom** (romantic comedy)
- **URAQT** (You are a cutie)

Listed in alphabetical order, the entries also cover such diverse areas as classified ads, entertainment, government, colleges and universities, international and U.S. airports, sports and leisure, currencies, and much more. All kinds of abbreviations are included: acronyms, blends, clippings, foreign words, initialisms, numericals, and truncations. This volume is a must-have reference to keep up with the ever-changing and constantly growing number of acronyms and abbreviations in English today.

AWHFY? (Are we having fun yet?) We hope so.