

# Abbreviations For Note Taking | Note Taking Abbreviations

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List of note taking abbreviations in English from A to Z.

- **approx.:** Approximately
- **b/c:** Because
- **b/4:** Before
- **bk.:** Book
- **C:** (e.g. 21C for 'twenty-first century')
- **c.:** Approximately, roughly, about (abbreviation for the Latin 'circa')
- **cf.:** Compared to, in comparison with
- **cp.:** Compare
- **def.:** Definition
- **diff.:** Different, difference
- **ea.:** Each
- **e.g.:** For example
- **fr.:** From
- **etc.:** And so on
- **i.e.:** That is, that means, in other words
- **impt.:** Important
- **NB:** Important, notice this, note well
- **nec.:** Necessary
- **re.:** Regarding, about
- **sim.:** Similar
- **s/t:** Something
- **T.:** Theory, theoretical
- **tho':** Though
- **thro':** Through
- **w/:** With
- **w/o:** Without
- **viz.:** Namely, that is to say
- **v.:** Very
- **vv.:** Extremely
- **vs.:** Against
- **ppl:** People
- **res:** Research
- **natl:** National
- **eqn:** Equation
- **ed:** Education
- **dep:** Department
- **esp:** Especially
- **ustand:** Understand
- **Am.:** Morning
- **Pm.:** Afternoon
- **asap:** As soon as possible
- **Wrt:** With respect to
- **=ity:** Equality
- **evryt:** Everything
- **infl:** Influence
- **r.:** Rate (i.e. birth r.)
- **devel:** Development
- **expl:** Explanation
- **trad:** Traditional
- **cult:** Cultural
- **instit:** Institution
- **justific:** Justification
- **nt:** Nothing
- **lrg:** Large
- **soc.:** Social or society
- **Stats:** Statistics
- **Am't:** Amount
- **educat'l:** Educational
- **subj:** Subject
- **cons:** Conservative
- **ind:** Individual
- **ckg:** Checking
- **estg:** Establishing
- **Expting:** Experimenting
- **bkgd:** Background
- **ppd:** Prepared
- **prblm:** Problem
- **C19:** Nineteenth century; similarly C20 etc.
- **1920s:** i.e. 1920-1929; similarly 1970s etc.
- **Ltd:** Limited
- **max.:** Maximum
- **min.:** Minimum
- **G.B.:** Great Britain
- **U.K:** United Kingdom
- **Eng.:** English
- **Brit.:** British
- **Sts:** Students

# Symbols For Speedy Note Taking | Note Taking Symbols

List of note taking symbols in English from A to Z.

- **2**: To, two, too
- **4**: For
- **8**: Anything ending in 'ate'
- **+**: And, also, as well as, in addition to, plus
- **-**: Minus, without
- **≠**: Does not equal, is not the same as, does not result in
- **≈**: Is approximately equal to, is similar to
- **=**: Equals, is the same as, results in
- **>**: Is greater than, is larger than
- **↑**: Increase, rise, growth
- **<**: Is less than, is smaller than
- **↑↑**: Rapid increase
- **↓**: Decrease, fall, shrinkage
- **↓↓**: Rapid decrease
- **∴**: Therefore, thus
- **∵**: Because
- **→**: Leads on to, produces, causes
- **x**: No, not, incorrect
- **xx**: Definitely not, disproved
- **?**: Uncertain, possibly, unproven, question
- **✓**: Yes, correct
- **✓✓**: Definitely, certain, proven
- **#**: Number
- **\***: Special, important, notable (when added to a word or phrase)
- **/**: Per (e.g., £50/day instead of 'fifty pounds per day')
- **!**: Not, isn't
- **@**: At
- **∝**: Proportional to
- **Δ**: Change
- **♀**: Female or women
- **♂**: Male or men
- **...**: Means space in quote

## Specific Historical Terms

- **19thC or 19C**: 19th Century
- **WWI**: World War I
- **WWII**: World War II
- **Indust. Rev.**: Industrial Revolution
- **Fren. Rev.**: French Revolution
- **Rus. Rev.**: [Russian Revolution](#)
- **Nat Soc or Nazism**: National Socialism
- **Prus**: Prussian
- **US**: United States or American
- **Brit or GB**: Great British or Britain
- **Eng.**: English or England
- **Germ.**: German
- **Fr.**: French, France

## Less Frequently Used Abbreviations For Note Taking

- **A**: Answer
- **adm.**: Administration
- **adj.**: Adjective, adjourned, adjustment
- **abr.**: Abridged
- **abbr.**: Abbreviation, abbreviated
- **acad.**: Academic, academy
- **aka.**: Also known as
- **app.**: Appendix
- **assoc.**: Association
- **biol.**: Biology
- **bibliog.**: Bibliography
- **bot.**: Botanical, botany
- **cap.**: Capital, capitalise
- **chap.**: Chapter
- **chem.**: Chemical
- **co.**: Company
- **colloq.**: Colloquial, colloquialism
- **conf.**: Conference, confer
- **cont.**: Containing, content, continental, continue, continued
- **com.**: Commercial, commission, common, communication, community

- **cr.:** Credit
- **crit.:** Criticism
- **diag.:** Diagram
- **disc.:** Discovered
- **dist.:** Distinguished
- **div.:** Dividend, division
- **distr.:** Distribution, distributed
- **econ.:** Economics, economy
- **esp.:** Especially
- **est.:** Established, estimate
- **ex.:** Examined, example
- **excl.:** Excluding
- **f.:** Feminine, feminism, frequency
- **gen.:** Gender, general
- **govt.:** Government
- **hist.:** Historian, historical, history
- **illus.:** Illustrated
- **inc.:** Including
- **info.:** Information
- **lang.:** Language
- **m.:** Male
- **orig.:** Original, originated
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- **p. / pp.:** Page / pages
- **para.:** Paragraph
- **poss.:** Possible, possibly
- **prin.:** Principal
- **prob.:** Problem, probable, probably
- **probs:** Problems
- **prob.:** Produced by, producer, production
- **pt./pts.:** Part, point / parts, pts
- **Q.:** Question
- **ref.:** Refer, reference
- **reg.:** Region, registered, regular, regulation
- **rev.:** Review, revision
- **sci.:** Science, scientific
- **sect.:** Section
- **sp.:** Special, species, specific
- **st.:** Study, student
- **univ.:** Universal, university
- **usu.:** Usually
- **vers.:** Version
- **yr.:** Year