



## Guess the Acronym

The purpose of this exercise is to underscore the fact that acronyms, though commonly used, are not universally recognized. Using the blank version of this worksheet, ask participants to fill in the translation column. Then review them to see if different people had different interpretations. Reveal all the possible answers, emphasizing the need to define acronyms when participants write their metadata records.

Acronym	Translation	
<b>CD</b>	Compact Disk	Cable Duct
	Cadmium	Calibration Drift
	Career Development	Certificate of Deposit
	Chad	Chart Datum
	Civil Defense	Coastal Defense
	Consumers Digest	Creative Director
<b>NAD</b>	North American Datum	Network Access Delay
	Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide	Nielsen Audience Demographic
	Navy Acquisition Directive	Non-Acoustic Data
	Node Administration	National Association of the Deaf
<b>CA</b>	California	Canada
	Cable	Central Air
	Change of Address	Chesapeake & Albemarle (railroad)
<b>GPS</b>	Gallons Per Second	Gas Pressure Switch
	Global Positioning System	Graphical Programming Software
	Ground Processing Station	Airport code for Galapagos Islands
	Global Priority Service	Gunner's Primary Sight
<b>GBF</b>	Geographic Base File	Gravitational Biology Facility
	Great Books Foundation	
<b>ARC</b>	Advanced Research Center	Accounting Requirements Code
	Addiction Research Center	Agriculture Research Center
	AIDS Related Complex	Airborne Radio Communication
	American Red Cross	Astrophysical Research Consortium
	Automatic Remote Control	Acoustic Research Center
	Aerospace Research Center	Arc-Second Raster Chart
	(A name of a grid coordinate system)	Appalachian Regional Commission

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Metadata



<b>LA</b>	Louisiana	Los Angeles
	Lewiston/Auburn, Maine	Lower Alabama
	Landscape Architect	Language Arts
	Legislative Affairs	Loan Agreement
	Lane	Learning Aptitude
<b>DIME</b>	Dual Independent Map Encoding	Distributed Memory Environment
	Distributed Irregular Mesh Environment	Dynamic Infrared Missile Evaluator
<b>DLG</b>	Division Lieutenant Governor	Digital Line Graph
<b>US</b>	United States	Upper Stage
	University of Saskatchewan	User Segment
	Undersea	Unit Separator
<b>PC</b>	Postal Clerk	Peace Corps
	Parsec (astronomical unit of measure)	Personal Code
	Personal Computer	Pitcairn Islands
	Point of Curvature	Power Converter
	Presbyterian College	Primary Care
	Probable Cause	Pulsating Current
<b>TAP</b>	Technical Assistance Program	Tariff Assurance Plan
	Telecomputing Applications Platform	Text Access Point
	The American Psychoanalyst	
	Transportes Aéreos Portugueses (Air Portugal)	
	Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico --Tapachula International (Airport Code)	
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Imaging Solutions	Geographic(al) Information System
	Gas-Insulated Switchgear	Geographical Intelligent Survey
	Government Information System	Geeky Internal Stuff (databases)
<b>SE</b>	Southeast	Search Engine
	Safety Evaluator	Second Edition
	Software Engineering	Stable Element
	Standard Error	
	Systems Engineering and Integration Office (NIMA)	
<b>HTML</b>	Hyper Text Markup Language	Hot Metal
<b>FGDC</b>	Federal Geographic Data Committee	