Acronyms and Initializations

Initializations and acronyms often stand for organizations, expressions, vehicles, chemically derived materials, time zones, and countries.

**Organizations:** OSHA, NASA  
**Chemicals:** DNA, TEFLON

**Expressions:** SWAK, FAQ  
**Time Zones:** CST, EST

**Vehicles:** SUV, RV  
**Countries:** USA, UK

Some initializations and acronyms are formed from letters that are not the first letters of the component words.

- **TEFLON** → *polytetrafluoroethylene*
- **RADAR** → *radio detecting and ranging*
- **DNA** → *deoxyribonucleic acid*

The component words of some initializations and acronyms may not be English.

- **RSVP** → *respondez s’il vous plaît*