

# LIST OF COMMON ACRONYMS IN EDUCATION

## English as a foreign language

- **ESL** English as a Second Language, like in ESL teachers.
- **EFL** English as a Foreign Language.
- **ESOL** English for Speakers of Other Languages.
- **TEFL** Teaching English as a Foreign Language.
- **MFL** Modern Foreign Languages.

## Assessments and Certificates in the UK Educational System

- **NC** National Curriculum.
- **NCT** National Curriculum Tests.
- **KS SATs** Key Stage Scholastic Assessment Test.
- **KS1 SATs** Key Stage 1: Years 2 (7 years old).
- **KS2 SATs** Key Stage 1: Years 6 (11 years old).
- **The 11 Plus** Test for grammar schools (11 years old).
- **GCSEs** General Certificate of Secondary Education. (16 years old).
- **GCE A** General Certificate of Education Advanced Level.
- **GCE AS** General Certificate of Education Advanced Level Supplementary.
- **IGCSE** International General Certificate of Secondary Education
- **As Level** Advanced supplementary level examinations. (17 years old).
- **A level** Advanced level examinations. (18 years old).
- **BEd** Bachelor of Education.
- **BA** Bachelor of Art.
- **BSc** Bachelor of Science.
- **IB** International Baccalaureate.

- **BTEC** Business and Technology Education Council. Vocational qualification.
- **MPD** Master Postgraduate Degree.
- **PhD** Doctor of Philosophy, terminal degree for many subjects.
- **PGCE** Postgraduate Certificate of Education.
- **Med** Master of Education.
- **MA** Master of Arts.
- **MSc** Master of Science.
- **FE** Further Education.
- **HE** Higher Education.

## Related to teachers

- **ITT** Initial Teacher Training.
- **NQT** Newly Qualified Teacher.
- **TAs** Teaching assistant.
- **QTS** Qualified Teacher Status.
- **O and A** Observation and Assessment.
- **ESW** Education Social Worker.
- **OFSTED** Office for Standards in Education.
- **NUT** National Union of Teachers.
- **PAT** Professional Association of Teachers.
- **TTA** Teachers Training Agency.
- **DFE** Department for Education.

## Related to school

- **FSM** Free school Meals.
- **GSB** General School Budget.
- **LEAs** Local Education Authorities.

- **G&T** Gifted and Talented.
  - **MLD** Moderate Learning Difficulty.
  - **SLD** Severe Learning Difficulty.
  - **EBD** Emotional and Behavioural Difficulty.
  - **SEN** Special Educational Needs.
  - **ADHD** Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.
  - **PSA** Parent School Association.
  - **HT** Headteacher.
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- **H&S** Health and Safety.
  - **PE** Physical Education.
  - **PSE** Personal and Social Education.
  - **PSHE** Personal, Social and Health Education.
  - **PSHE+C** Personal, Social, Health Education and Citizenship Education.
  - **RE** Religious Education.
  - **CAD** Computer Aided Design.
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- **NLP** Neurological Learning Process.
  - **KPI** Key Performance Indicators.
  - **RGI** Repertory grid technique, where the information is displayed in two directions.
  - **KISS** Keep It Short and Simple.
  - **HOTS and LOTS** high order thinking skills and low order thinking skills.
  - **ESA** Engage, Study, Activate.
  - **PPP** Presentation, practice, production.
  - **TI – FO – SO – R** Tuning in, Finding out, Sorting out, Reflection. Stages in a lesson plan, types of activities.