

## **USE OF ABBREVIATIONS IN ENGLISH**

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### **Annotatsiya**

This article scientifically analyzes the linguistic features of abbreviations in English, their main types, and the features of their use in modern speech. During the study, abbreviations in English were studied morphologically and semantically, and their functional role in the communicative process was determined. The features of the use of abbreviations in scientific, official, and everyday speech were also analyzed.

### **Kalit soʻzlar**

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### **Introduction**

The acceleration of the process of information exchange in modern society further increases the importance of such features of language as economy and conciseness. This process is carried out through various linguistic means of language, one of which is abbreviations. Abbreviations allow you to express information in a short and clear form in the speech process, increasing the efficiency of communication.

Abbreviations are widely used in English, and they are actively used in scientific texts, official documents, technological terminology, and everyday communication. Especially with the development of modern technologies, the Internet, and social networks, the number of abbreviations is increasing significantly.

In linguistic research, abbreviations are considered an important element of the lexical system of a language. They contribute to the formation of new lexical units and play an important role in the dynamic development of a language. Therefore, the study of abbreviations is one of the current scientific issues in the fields of linguistics, lexicology, and communicative linguistics.

The main goal of this study is to study the linguistic characteristics of abbreviations in English and scientifically analyze their functions in the speech process.

### **Literature review**

Abbreviations in English and their linguistic properties have been studied by many linguists. D. Crystal emphasizes that abbreviations play an important role in the formation of new lexical units in the development of the English language. In his opinion, abbreviations have become an integral part of the modern communication process.

G. Yule, in the process of studying the language system, evaluates abbreviations as one of the active linguistic phenomena that ensure the lexical enrichment of the language. He notes that abbreviations allow for the economical and efficient organization of speech.

In the studies conducted by H. Jackson and E. Amvela, the formation and semantic development of lexical units are analyzed, and abbreviations are interpreted as an important means of enriching the lexical system of the language.

L. Bauer and I. Plag, studying the processes of word formation in English, show abbreviations as an effective linguistic mechanism for creating new lexical units.

**Research methodology:** This study used a number of scientific methods to study the system of abbreviations in the English language.

Using the method of theoretical analysis, linguistic literature on the issue of abbreviations in English was studied. Based on the method of structural analysis, the structure and morphological features of abbreviations were analyzed.

Using the method of semantic analysis, the meanings expressed by abbreviations and their functions in speech were studied. Using an analytical approach, the role and significance of abbreviations in the modern communicative process were assessed.

Using these methods, abbreviations in the English language were systematically studied.

#### **Analysis and results**

The results of the study showed that abbreviations in English play an important role in the lexical system of the language. They allow for the compactness of speech, the rapid transmission of information, and the effective organization of the communicative process. In linguistics, an abbreviation is defined as a shortened form of a word or phrase. Abbreviations allow for the concise expression of information in the speech process.

Abbreviations are widely used in English for the following reasons:

- to condense speech;
- to convey information quickly;
- to simplify scientific and technical terminology.

For example:

- Dr. – Doctor
- Mr. – Mister
- etc. – et cetera

In linguistics, abbreviations are divided into several main types.

Initial abbreviations - these types of abbreviations are formed from the first letters of words.

For example:

- USA – United States of America
- UN – United Nations
- EU – European Union

Acronyms are made up of capital letters, but they are pronounced like regular words.

For example:

- NASA – National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

In the clipping process, part of a word is removed, creating a shorter form.

For example:

- *advertisement* → *ad*
- *laboratory* → *lab*
- *telephone* → *phone*

Blending is the process of forming a new unit by combining parts of two words.

For example:

- *smog* – smoke + fog
- *brunch* – breakfast + lunch

Abbreviations perform several important functions in the speech process:

1. Economy of speech. Abbreviations allow you to express speech in a short and clear form.
2. Terminological function. In scientific and technical fields, many terms are used in the form of abbreviations.

For example:

- AI – Artificial Intelligence
- IT – Information Technology
- GDP – Gross Domestic Product

3. Communicative efficiency. Abbreviations are a convenient tool for rapid information exchange.

The number of abbreviations in modern English has increased significantly with the development of technology and the internet. In particular, social media and digital communication tools have led to the widespread use of abbreviations.

For example:

- LOL – Laugh Out Loud
- BRB – Be Right Back
- FYI – For Your Information

These abbreviations are mainly used in informal communication and have become an important element of modern digital speech.

### **Conclusions /Recommendations**

The results of the study showed that abbreviations are one of the important lexical units of the English language. They serve to condense speech, quickly convey information, and increase communicative efficiency. Abbreviations also play an important role in the development of scientific and technical terminology. The increasing number of abbreviations in modern English indicates the dynamic development of the language.

Based on this research, the following scientific and practical suggestions can be put forward:

1. Separately study the system of abbreviations in the process of teaching English.
2. Develop special educational materials on abbreviations used in scientific and technical terminology.
3. Explain to language learners the abbreviations used in the process of digital communication.
4. Help them to understand their semantic properties more deeply by studying abbreviations in context.

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