

CLIPPING

Clipping is when you reduce a word by taking away some of it. Take a look at some clipped words with examples below.

original word	abbreviation	example in use
abdominal	abs	My abs look huge in this vest.
administrator/ administration	admin	I need an admin day; my finances are in a mess.
advertisement	ad(s)	Shall we record Breaking Bad? Then we can skip the ads later?
aeroplane	plane	My plane is due to land around 6.
aggressive (behaviour)	aggro	Don't give your granddad any aggro today, he isn't feeling very well.
ammunition	ammo	The new comedian ran out of ammo after 15 minutes.
application	app(s)	I downloaded this great new brain training app.
Australian	Aussie(s)	The Aussies will win the cricket for sure.
bicycle	bike	My bike tyre has a puncture again!
brasserie	bra	I've just bought matching bra and knickers.
British	Brit(s)	The Brits are happy, it's 28° degrees all over the country today.
celebrity	celeb	There were lads of celebs in the bar last night.
champion	champ	The new champ is (...drum roll....) Ricky the rhino!
Christmas	Xmas	Merry Xmas everyone.
Coca- Cola/cocaine	coke	Boy 1: Let's get some coke for the party. Boy 2: No, I prefer Sprite.
comfortable	comfy	Don't get too comfy, we're leaving soon,

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congratulations	congrats	Congrats in the new job
delicatessen	deli	I'll get some meat and cheese from the deli.
demonstration	demo	I'll watch the demo before I install the programme.
doctor document	doc	I've left the docs on your desk.
dormitory	dorm	I've booked an 8-bed dorm at the hostel.
examination	exam	I'm not looking forward to the exam tomorrow.
fabulous	fab	The show was fab, well done boys.
fanatic	fan	The football fans caused a lot of trouble last night.
gasoline	gas	Let's fill up the car with gas.
gentlemen	gents	I'll just pop to the gents, then we can order.
graduate	grad	I'm a uni grad.
gymnasium	gym	I need to get fit, so I've joined a gym.
hamburger	burger	I'd love a burger right now.
holiday	hol(s)	I wish I could afford to go on hols this year.
identification	ID	Don't forget to bring your ID, the bouncers are really strict.
independent (music)	indie	I love indie music, it's really up my street.
influenza	flu	I gave the flu to my nephew.
information	info	I'll write all the info down on paper for you.
introduction	intro	I'll write the intro and you start researching advantages and disadvantages.

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Jaguar	Jag	I'll park the Jag; you go and find a table.
kilogram	kilo	The baby weighs three kilos now.
knockout	KO	It's a KO in under 25 seconds. Wow!
laboratory	lab	4,000 lab rats have escaped from a facility near the town.
lavatory	lav	Where is the lav? I'm busting for a pee.
legitimate	legit	Are you sure these trainers are legit? They look like the ones that were stolen in the robbery?
limousine	limo	I've changed my mind; I don't want a limo for the prom.
magazine	mag	If you pass a shop, can you pick up my mag for me?
mathematics	maths	I have a maths test tomorrow
mayonnaise	mayo	Mum made me egg-mayo sarnies for lunch.
maximum	max	The max speed on my new Toyota is 165mph, it flies!
Mediterranean	med	Yes! I've just booked a three-week cruise around the med.
memorandum	memo	Did you not read the memo? It said not to arrive in uniform.
microphone	mic	Who's next to take the mic? Come on, don't be shy.
moment	mo.	Give me a mo. I need to change my coat.
neighbourhood	hood	The hood is pretty quiet tonight.
overdose	OD	Some kid OD'd at the rave last night.
petroleum	petrol	I'm almost out of petrol.
photograph	photo	We keep this love in a photograph, we made these memories for ourselves.

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physiotherapist	physio	I've got an appointment with the physio at 10.
popular	pop	We love listening to pop music,
professional	pro	Leave it to me, I'm a pro.
public house	pub	Shall we go down the pub after work?
recreation park	rec	I think I'll take the kids to the rec.
reference	ref	Your booking ref is 46GS98
referee	ref	The ref made some bad decisions during the game.
refrigerator	fridge	There are some nice cold beers in the fridge.
rehabilitation	rehab	They tried to make me go to rehab but I said no no no.
rhinoceros	rhino	Rhinos will become extinct soon if they don't stop being poached.
situational comedy	sitcom	Sitcoms are a great way to learn English.
spectacles specifications	specs	I can't seem to find my specs anywhere.
statistics	stats	Look at the stats, they don't lie.
teenager	teen	All the young teens love this type of music.
telephone	phone	Can someone answer the phone?
television	telly	Switch off the telly if you're not watching it.
typographical error	typo	There are lots of typos in your work, you should run a spell check before submitting it.
university	uni	The uni break is just around the corner.

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vegetable vegetarian	veg/veggie veggie*	We've been veggies for a decade now. * The 'gg' is pronounced like the 'j' in 'jump'.
veterinarian veteran	vet	The vet is closed, we'll have to wait until tomorrow. My grandad is a WWII vet.
vibration(s)	vibe(s)	That place has good vibes; I'll go back again soon.
violoncello	cello	Cello practice has been put off until the teacher is better.
vocabulary	vocab	I know lots of vocab; I just can't grasp the grammar.
weblog	blog	I must remember to catch up on my blog. Pronto!