

Abbreviations

Below are some common abbreviations that you may feel will help you save time during lectures when taking notes.

Abbreviations using symbols:

>	increase, less than
<	decrease, more than
∴	therefore
=	equals
≠	unequal
&	and
+	and
=	is
#	number
x	times
→	leads to
1 st	first
+ve	positive
-ve	negative

Abbreviations using words:

bec.	because
ex.	example
w/o	without
def.	definition
sig.	significant
w/	with
imp.	Important
i.e.	that is
vs.	versus

Another common method of students use is to miss out vowels of any words that are not easily substituted with symbols e.g.

rglr	regular
lrg	large
btwn	between

Tips!

- You can even use abbreviations for **theories or concepts e.g., social identity theory (SIT)**.
- Perhaps there are **commonly used abbreviations in your subject area**. Have a look at textbooks and papers which might give you examples.
- Remember you can **create your own** abbreviations too. Just make sure you remember what they mean.