

# 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 <sup>st</sup>	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.

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