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Chapter 1

Sample

An acronym is a word formed from the initial letters of other words. Since it's a word, an acronym is pronounced as a word rather than as a series of letters. Examples of acronyms: laser, maser, radar and scuba.

Glossary

laser a device that emits a narrow intense beam of light (ORIGIN: light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation). 2, 3

maser a form of laser generating a beam of microwaves (ORIGIN: microwave amplification by stimulated emission of radiation). 2

radar a system for detecting the location and speed of ships, aircraft, etc, through the use of radio waves (ORIGIN: radio detection and ranging). 2

scuba portable breathing apparatus for divers (ORIGIN: self-contained underwater breathing apparatus). 2