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## Abbreviations and Symbols

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adj adjective
adv adverb
AE American English
BE British English
CanE Canadian English
e.g. (Latin) exempli gratia = for example
esp. especially
et al. (Latin) et alii = and others
etc. (Latin) et cetera = and so on
fig figurative
fml formal
i.e. (Latin) id est = that is
infml informal
jdm. jemandem
jdn. jemanden
l., ll. line, lines
lit literary
n noun
p., pp. page, pages
pl plural
sb. somebody
sing singular
sl slang
sth. something
usu. usually
v verb
- confer, see
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