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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