



The BSCC Abbreviations, Acronyms and Codes Quiz



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Abbreviations, Acronyms and Codes Quiz



- Questions are related to abbreviations, acronyms and codes
- To make it easier, at least three possible answers are given for each question – all you have to do is pick the right one
- Possible answers are generally listed in alphabetical order
- There are 12 questions
- No particular order to questions this month, just a mixture of very easy, easy, simple and not hard (and maybe the odd difficult one)
- Good luck.

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B: Video Player Name

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B: Eunoia Elektronik

C: Everything Everywhere

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B: Life's Good

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A: Gibraltar

B: Guernsey

C: South Georgia



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A: EIR

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A: GU

B: KT

C: WO

Q8: What area does the outward postcode BH cover?

A: Birmingham

B: Bournemouth

C: Brighton

An IATA airport code is a three-letter code designating airports around the world It is defined by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and there are over 47,000 of them.

Q9: What is the IATA code for Los Angeles?

A: LAS

B: LAX

C: LOS

Q10: To where would you be flying if your baggage label has the IATA code BHX?

A: Biggin Hill

B: Birmingham

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Q11: You are writing to your friend who has recently moved. Their new email address is snowy@hotmail.co.at. Which country are they likely to be in?

A: Antarctica

B: Austria

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B: .gi

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Answers

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Answer C: It isn't short for anything

Wi-Fi, often referred to as WiFi, wifi, wi-fi or wi fi, is often thought to be short for Wireless Fidelity but there is no such thing.

The term was created by a marketing firm because the wireless industry was looking for a user-friendly name to refer to some not so user-friendly technology known as IEEE 802.11.

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Answer C: Virtual Private Network

A VPN is:

- Virtual...because it's as if you have a private connection directly to any website or another computer you connect to.*
- Private...because all your website visits and online activity is between you and the websites you visit.*
- A Network...because you're using a special network of VPN servers that covers the entire globe.*

VPN lends you a temporary IP address and hides your true IP address from every website or email you connect with.

It is very common for users of company systems and useful if you want to watch BBC iPlayer from outside of the UK as well as for hackers wishing to avoid detection.

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Answer C: Everything Everywhere

The Deutsche Telekom and France Télécom joint venture was named Everything Everywhere and was rebranded as EE in 2012. EE was acquired by BT in January 2016 and has been part of BT's consumer division since April 2018, operating three brands: BT, EE, and Plusnet.

Although nothing to do with the question, Eunoia is the shortest word in the English language that contains all 5 vowels. It means 'beautiful thinking'.

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This is a nod to two original company names — Rak-Hui (pronounced 'Lucky') Chemical Industrial Corp, which was founded in 1947 and GoldStar Co. Ltd. These two companies merged in 1958 to become Lucky-GoldStar, which then rebranded to LG in 1995.

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Gibraltar is GBZ. There are no permanent inhabitants on South Georgia.

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Answer C: GBM (Isle of Man)

EIR was replaced by IRL (Ireland) in 1992. GB was changed to UK in 2021 to be inclusive of Northern Ireland (which is not part of Great Britain), though the previous GB did also apply to Northern Ireland.

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Answer A: GU

Despite there being a large Royal Mail sorting centre in Woking (near the train station), the outward postcode (the first two letters) for Woking is GU (Guildford).

KT covers the Kingston-upon-Thames area from West Horsley in the west to Tadworth in the East.

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The outward postcode for Birmingham is B and for Brighton it is BN.

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Answer A: .gg

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How many did you get right?