



# Specialised Crosswords

## TOP TIP #1: Abbreviations used in Cryptic Crosswords: A - G

Abbreviations are often used in Cryptics. How many of those below would you recognise?

Note: more tips will regularly become available at [www.specialisedcrosswords.co.uk](http://www.specialisedcrosswords.co.uk)

a	A	Caught	c	Duke	D
About	C,CA,RE	Celsius	C	East(ern)	E
Abstemious	TT	Century	C	Ecstasy	E
Ace	A	Chapter	C	Energy	E
Against	v	Church	CE,CH	Engineers	RE
Ambassador	HE	Circle	O	English	E
Answer	A	City	EC,LA,NY	Female	f
Are	A	Class	CL	Fifty	L
Area	A	Clubs	c	Fine	f
Artist	RA	Cold	c	Five	V
Bachelor	B	Conservative	c	Five hundred	D
Bishop	B,RR	Copper	Cu	Following	f
Black	B	Daughter	d	Forte	f
Book	B,vol	Departs	d	Frequency	f
Books	OT,NT	Diamonds	d	Gold	Au,OR
Born	b	Died	d	Graduate	BA,MA,MBA
Bowled	b	Doctor	Dr,MO,MB	Grand	G
British	B,Br	Drug	E,H	Gunners	RA
Bye	b	Dry	TT	Gym	PE

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