



# Specialised Crosswords

## TOP TIP #3: Abbreviations used in Cryptic Crosswords: Q - Z

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)

Queen	Q,R,ER,HM	Silver	Ag	Velocity	v
Question	Q	Singular	S	Verse	v
Quiet	P	Son	S	Versus	v
Race(s)	TT	South(ern)	S	Very	V
Rating	AB	Spades	S	Victory	V
Record	EP,LP	Speed of light	C	Volume	V,CC
Resistance	R	Stone	ST	Vote	X
Right	R,rt	Street	ST	Way	AVE,RD,ST
Ring	O	Succeeded	S	Weight	W
River	R	Switzerland	CH	West(ern)	W
Road	RD	Take	R	Wicket	W
Rook	R	Tango	T	Wide	W
Run(s)	R	Temperature	T	Width	W
Sailor	AB	Ten	X	Wife	W
Saint	S,ST	Thousand	K,M	With	W
Seaman	AB	Time	T	Women's	W
Second(s)	S	Ton(s)	T	Yard	Y
See	V,C	United	U	Year(s)	Y
Service	RN	Universal	U	Yen	Y
Shirt	T	University	U	Zero	O
Short time	M,MIN,MO,S,SEC,T	Upper-class	U		

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