DICTIONARY BuzzWord



TEACHER'S NOTES

OH

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Overview: Suggestions for using the **Macmillan Dictionary BuzzWord** article on **OH** and the associated worksheet.

Total time for worksheet activities: 45 minutes

Suggested level: Upper intermediate and above

- If you intend to use the worksheet in class, go
 to the BuzzWord article at the web address
 given at the beginning of the worksheet and
 print off a copy of the article. Make a copy of
 the worksheet and the BuzzWord article for
 each student. You might find it helpful not to
 print a copy of the Key for each student but to
 check the answers as a class.
- If the members of your class all have computer access, ask them to open the worksheet before they go to the *BuzzWord* article link. Make sure they do not scroll down to the Key until they have completed each exercise.
- 3. Encourage students to read through the questions in Exercise 1 before they look at the BuzzWord article. Ask them to read through the whole article carefully and answer the questions. Tell them to compare their answers with a partner. Then check the answers as a class.
- 4. Ask students to complete Exercise 2 independently. They should identify the option that has a different meaning to the others. Encourage them to look up any of the alternatives they don't understand in the Macmillan Dictionary. Check the answers as a class.
- 5. Exercise 3 focuses on some higher-level nouns used in the article. Ask students to complete the exercise in pairs, and without the aid of a dictionary. Remind them to look for clues in the text. If they already know any of the words, suggest that they complete these answers first. Give help where necessary and check the answers as a class. As an extension activity or homework, students could be asked to write an example sentence for each word.

- 6. Exercise 4 highlights some abbreviations used in electronic communication. Ask students to complete the exercise individually. The abbreviations in the exercise are all covered in the Background section of the *BuzzWord* article, so less confident students could look for the answers by re-reading the relevant paragraph. Check the answers as a class.
- 7. Exercise 5 looks at the function of a number of electronic abbreviations, four of which can be identified in the article: abt, b/c, CUL and GF. Students could search for the rest of the abbreviations on the internet, e.g. on the website suggested in the article: http:// www.harley.com/abbreviations/index.html#D. Complete the exercise as a class activity, first explaining any linguistic terms where necessary (e.g. connective = a word used to join clauses). This activity could then lead to an open or small group discussion about abbreviations used in electronic communication: Which ones do students know in their own language(s)? Do they also use any English ones? If they do, in what situations do they use them? Encourage them to share examples and write out the full phrases / words that the abbreviations represent in correct English.

Tip: As a further reading activity, students might be interested in looking up the article on *OMG* in the *BuzzWord* archive: www.macmillandictionary.com/buzzword/entries/omg.html.







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Go to the Macmillan Dictionary BuzzWord article at:

http://www.macmillandictionary.com/buzzword/entries/OH.html

Find the information

Read the BuzzWord article on OH and answer these questions.

- 1. What expression does the abbreviation OH stand for?
- 2. What / Who is an OH?
- 3. What abbreviation is sometimes used as an alternative to OH? What does it stand for?
- 4. What do the abbreviations DW and DH mean?
- 5. When did the abbreviation *OH* first appear in a romantic sense?
- 6. In a social media context, what word can OH also stand for?

2 Find the odd one out

Cross out the alternative that has a different meaning to the others.

- 1. Using the expression OH conveniently avoids / circumvents / emphasizes revealing marital status.
- 2. The expression OH has more than one interpretation / meaning / translation.
- 3. The expression *OH* is *constantly / frequently / usually* used with a possessive.
- 4. The expressions *DS* and *DD* can be used to refer to *children / offspring / parents*.
- 5. The expression SWMBO has comical / humorous / sarcastic overtones.

3 Define the noun

Match the nouns in the left-hand column with the definitions in the right-hand column. The nouns can all be found in the *BuzzWord* article.

acronym
 a variety of language used for a particular purpose

anonymityan abbreviation consisting of letters that form a word

3. cohort c. a shorter or quicker way of saying something

determiner
 a situation in which the name of a person is kept secret

5. perspective e. a feeling that affects how people behave, but is not stated directly

6. shorthand f. a word used before a noun for showing which thing you are talking about

7. sublanguage g. a group of people who are a similar age

undercurrent
 a way of thinking about something







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Abbreviations: What do they mean?

Match the words in the box with the abbreviations below. The abbreviations are all used in electronic communication. There are two words you don't need.

boyfriend	by	bye	for	in
laughing	later	loud	mind	never
now	of	other	out	point
thank	the	view	way	words

- 1. LOL _____
- 2. BF _____
- 3. POV _____
- BFN ______
- NM _____
- BTW _____

Abbreviations: How are they used?

Look at the abbreviations in the box that are used in electronic communication. Find out what they stand for and put them in the correct place in the table to show how they are used. Can you add some more examples to the table?

	abt	b/c	B4	CUL	EM	GF	нтн	OMG
COI	nversational	phrase						
ex	clamation							
no	un							
COI	nnective							
pre	eposition							







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Find the information

- 1. other half
- 2. a person's wife, husband or partner
- 3. SO = significant other
- 4. DW = dear / darling wife, DH = dear / darling husband
- 5. in the 1990s
- 6. overheard

2 Find the odd one out

- 1. emphasizes
- 2. translation
- 3. constantly
- 4. parents
- 5. sarcastic

Define the noun

- 1. b
- 2. d
- 3. g
- 4. f
- 5. h
- 6. c
- 7. а е

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- Abbreviations: What do they mean?
- 1. laughing out loud
- 2. boyfriend
- 3. point of view
- 4. bye for now
- 5. never mind
- 6. by the way
- 7. in other words

Abbreviations: How are they used?

conversational phrase	CUL (see you later); HTH (hope this helps)
exclamation	OMG (oh my God / goodness)
noun	EM (email); GF (girlfriend)
connective	b/c (because)
preposition	abt (about); B4 (before)

