

Short Form Sleuths

Sort common abbreviations and full words.

2.LU.1.G "Use common abbreviations."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SHORT FORM

An abbreviation is a shorter way to write a word. Many common abbreviations end with a period.

Rd.

FULL WORD

A full word is written all the way out. It is not shortened.

Road

1 SORT 8 items

Read each item and circle SHORT or FULL.

1. Dr.

SHORT

FULL

2. January

SHORT

FULL

3. Ave.

SHORT

FULL

4. Mrs.

SHORT

FULL

5. Thursday

SHORT

FULL

6. Blvd.

SHORT

FULL

7. September

SHORT

FULL

8. Oct.

SHORT

FULL

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Part 2: Pick two items and tell how you knew which group each item belongs in. Part 3: Write one new SHORT example and one new FULL example.

SHORT _____

FULL _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence that uses two common abbreviations correctly.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Dr.	SHORT	Dr. is a short form of doctor.
2	January	FULL	January is written as a full word.
3	Ave.	SHORT	Ave. is a short form of avenue.
4	Mrs.	SHORT	Mrs. is a shortened title.
5	Thursday	FULL	Thursday is written as a full word.
6	Blvd.	SHORT	Blvd. is a short form of boulevard.
7	September	FULL	September is written as a full word.
8	Oct.	SHORT	Oct. is a short form of October.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SHORT:** Dec.
- **FULL:** December

Challenge: Our class trip is on Fri., Feb. 6.

Accept any common abbreviation that is correctly written, including its period when needed. For Part 2, students should explain that a short form leaves out letters and a full word is written all the way out.