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

Write one new SHORT example and one new FULL example.

SHORT _____

FULL _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence that uses two common abbreviations correctly.

ANSWER KEY

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