List of abbreviations used by the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL)

Many organisations use abbreviations when communicating both internally and externally. They can help to save time but only if everybody understands what the abbreviations mean. We have put together this list of common abbreviations used by IATEFL for you to refer to if you are ever unsure.

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Abbr.	Meaning	Abbr.	Meaning	Abbr.	Meaning
AGM	Annual General Meeting	ELTJ	ELT Journal	MoEs	Ministries of Education
AL	Applied Linguistics	EOP	English for Occupational Purposes	NEST	Native English-Speaking Teachers
BE	Business English	ES(O)L	English for Speakers of Other Languages	NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
CAE	Certificate in Advanced English	ESL	English as a Second Language	NLP	Neuro-Linguistic Programming
CAL	Computer-Assisted Learning	ESP	English for Specific Purposes	NNEST	Non-Native English-Speaking Teacher
CALL	Computer-Assisted Language Learning	EYL	English for Young Learners	NNS	Non-Native Speaker
CEFR	Common European Framework of Reference	FCE	First Certificate in English	NQT	Newly-Qualified Teacher
CELTA	Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults	FE	Further Education	PCE	Pre-Conference Event
CESOL	Communicating in English with Speakers of Other Languages	GI	Global Issues	PLN	Professional Learning Network
CLIL	Content and Language Integrated Learning	HE	Higher Education	PRON	Pronunciation
CMC	Computer-Mediated Communication	iBT	Internet-Based Test	RES	Research
CPD	Continuing Professional Development	ICT	Information and Communication Technology	SEN	Special Educational Needs
CPE	Certificate of Proficiency in English	IELTS	International English Language Testing System	SIG	Special Interest Group
DELTA	Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults	INSET	In-Service Teacher	TA	Teacher Association
DOS	Director of Studies	INSETT	In-Service Teacher Training	TBL	Task-Based Learning
E4W	English for Work	IPSEN	Inclusive Practices & Special Educational Needs	TBLT	Task-Based Language Teaching
E4WP	English for the Workplace	L1	First Language	TBT	Task-Based Teaching
EAL	English as an Additional Language	L2	Second Language	TD	Teacher Development
EAP	English for Academic Purposes	LA	Learner Autonomy	TEA	Testing, Evaluation & Assessment
EFB	English For Business	LAM	Leadership & Management	TEFL	Teachers of English as a Foreign Language
EFL	English as a Foreign Language	Lit	Literature	TESOL	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
EGP	English for General Purposes	LLA	Language Learner Autonomy	TEYL	Teaching English to Young Learners
EIL	English as an International Language	LT	Learning Technologies	TTEd	Teacher Training & Education
EICom	Electronic Committee	LTO	Language Teaching Organisation	VLE	Virtual Learning Environment
ELF	English as a Lingua Franca	MALL	Mobile Assisted Language Learning	WMIS	Wider Membership Individual Scheme
ELT	English Language Teaching	MaW	Materials Writing	WMS	Wider Membership Scheme
ELTeCS	English Language Teaching Contacts Scheme	MD	Materials Development	YLT	Young Learners & Teenagers