

The Big List of Nerdy Abbreviations

Sherlock Holmes fans have an obsession with abbreviating things and using shorthand terms, which can be alienating for people new to the fandom! Here is a quick guide to help.

General

ACD - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes

The Great Game - the pastime of attempting to resolve anomalies and clarify implied details about the Sherlock Holmes stories. Often done with the assumption that the characters are all real historical figures.

BSI - The Baker Street Irregulars, an invite-only organization of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts founded in 1934. They publish The Baker Street Journal (sometimes abbreviated as **BSJ**)

SHSL - The Sherlock Holmes Society of London

The Stories

- **ABBE** : The Adventure of the Abbey Grange
- **BAZA** : The Field Bazaar
- **BERY** : The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet
- **BLAC** : The Adventure of Black Peter
- **BLAN** : The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier
- **BLUE** : The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle
- **BOSC** : The Boscombe Valley Mystery
- **BRUC** : The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans
- **CARD** : The Adventure of the Cardboard Box
- **CHAS** : The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton
- **COPP** : The Adventure of the Copper Beeches
- **CREE** : The Adventure of the Creeping Man
- **CROO** : The Adventure of the Crooked Man
- **DANC** : The Adventure of the Dancing Men
- **DEVI** : The Adventure of the Devil's Foot
- **DYIN** : The Adventure of the Dying Detective
- **EMPT** : The Adventure of the Empty House
- **ENGR** : The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb
- **FINA** : The Adventure of the Final Problem
- **FIVE** : The Five Orange Pips
- **GLOR** : The Adventure of the Gloria Scott
- **GOLD** : The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez
- **GREE** : The Adventure of the Greek Interpreter

- HOUN : The Hound of the Baskervilles
- IDEN : A Case of Identity
- ILLU : The Adventure of the Illustrious Client
- LADY : The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax
- LAST : His Last Bow
- LION : The Adventure of the Lion's Mane
- MAZA : The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone
- MISS : The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter
- MUSG : The Adventure of the Musgrave Ritual
- NAVA : The Adventure of the Naval Treaty
- NOBL : The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor
- NORW : The Adventure of the Norwood Builder
- PREF : Preface
- PRIO : The Adventure of the Priory School
- REDC : The Adventure of the Red Circle
- REDH : The Red-Headed League
- REIG : The Adventure of the Reigate Squire
- RESI : The Adventure of the Resident Patient
- RETI : The Adventure of the Retired Colourman
- SCAN : A Scandal in Bohemia
- SECO : The Adventure of the Second Stain
- SHOS : The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place
- SIGN : The Sign of Four
- SILV : The Adventure of Silver Blaze
- SIXN : The Adventure of the Six Napoleons
- SOLI : The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist
- SPEC : The Adventure of the Speckled Band
- STOC : The Adventure of the Stockbroker's Clerk
- STUD : A Study in Scarlet
- SUSS : The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire
- THOR : The Problem of Thor Bridge
- 3GAB : The Adventure of the Three Gables
- 3GAR : The Adventure of the Three Garridebs
- 3STU : The Adventure of the Three Students
- TWIS : The Man with the Twisted Lip
- VALL : The Valley of Fear
- VEIL : The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger
- WATS : How Watson Learned the Trick
- WIST : The Adventure of Wisteria Lodge
- YELL : The Adventure of the Yellow Face

Adaptations

(Note, this isn't a list of all adaptations! Just the ones that have confusing shorthand names. If you want a list of all adaptations, [this is the place to look!](#))

Granada Holmes - Tv adaptation starring Jeremy Brett, David Burke and Edward Hardwick created between 1984 - 1994.

Soviet Holmes - A series of soviet television films technically titled *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson* created between 1979 and 1986, starring Vasily Livanov as Sherlock Holmes and Vitaly Solomin as Doctor Watson.

BBC Sherlock - Tv series set in the modern day which ran from 2010 to 2017, starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman. Not to be confused with...

BBC Radio/Bert Coules Holmes/Radio Holmes - Radio adaptation written by Bert Coules starring Clive Merrison as Holmes and Michael Williams as Watson (Bert Coules is the writer!)

New Russian Holmes - Russian adaptation from 2013

TGMD/GMD - The Great Mouse Detective, Disney film

TPLOSH - The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes, 1970 movie adaptation of Sherlock Holmes directed by Billy Wilder and starring Robert Stephens as Sherlock Holmes.

1954 - Technically called *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, a TV adaptation starring Ronald Howard and Howard Marion-Crawford. The abbreviation refers to the year it aired.

Miscellaneous

TJLC - The Johnlock Conspiracy; a theory prevalent in BBC Sherlock fandom before series four, which interpreted the show as having a strong queer subtext, and held that the showrunners intended an eventual romance between Sherlock and John