

Worksheet 1

Capsize!

Abbreviations

Whilst you were reading the story, you may have noticed that some of the distances were written as abbreviations.

An **abbreviation** is what you get when a long word or a group of words is shortened. An abbreviation is usually represented by the first letter of each word (but not always!)

For example: The yacht was flying through the water — at speeds of up to 40 **kph!** (kilometres per hour)

1. Can you **work out** what the following abbreviations represent?

a. km _____

b. cm _____

c. St _____

d. Rd _____

e. Mr _____

f. BC _____

g. TV _____

h. PO _____

i. Dr _____

j. vs _____

2. Brainstorm **five** or more abbreviations that you know of.

