

An acronym is a word formed from the initial letters of other words. Since it's a word, an acronym is pronounced as a word rather than as a series of letters. Examples of acronyms: **laser**, **maser**, **radar** and **scuba**.

## Glossary

**laser** light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation [1](#)

**maser** microwave amplification by stimulated emission of radiation [1](#)

**radar** radio detection and ranging [1](#)

**scuba** self-contained underwater breathing apparatus [1](#)