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# Writing Abbreviations

**Mysteries at Cliff Palace**

Grammar: Abbreviations

An **abbreviation** is a shortened form of a word.

Abbreviations for days of the week and months begin with a capital letter and end with a period. Abbreviations for units of measurement do not require capital letters and many do not require a period.

## Common Abbreviations

Days of the Week		Months		Units of Measurement	
Sun.	Sunday	Jan.	January	in.	inch
Mon.	Monday	Feb.	February	ft.	foot
Tues.	Tuesday	Mar.	March	mi	mile
Wed.	Wednesday	Aug.	August	m	meter
Thurs.	Thursday	Sept.	September	km	kilometer
Fri.	Friday	Oct.	October	lb	pound
Sat.	Saturday	Dec.	December	oz	ounce

**Rewrite the sentences below using the correct abbreviations.**

1. I left on Saturday, the third of March, after dinner.
2. The alcove opening is 8 feet 7 inches wide.
3. One mile equals 1.6 kilometers, rounded to the nearest tenth.
4. The urn weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces, or about 4 kilograms.
5. Ruben climbed the 100 meter ladder without looking down.