

GEOGRAPHY ACRONYMS

ANZAC	—	Australian and New Zealand Army Corp
AONB	—	Area of Natural Beauty
APHG	—	Advanced Placement Human Geography
BENELUX	—	Belgium, Netherlands and Luxemburg
BP	—	before present
BPO	—	business process outsourcing
BRIC bloc	—	Brazil, Russia, India, China
CAP	—	Common Agricultural Policy
CBD	—	central business district
CBR	—	crude birth rate
CDR	—	crude death rate
CFC	—	Chlorofluorocarbons
CIS	—	Commonwealth of Independent States
CMR	—	child mortality rate
CMSA	—	consolidated metropolitan statistical area
COMECON	—	Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
DDT	—	dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (pesticide)
DINK	—	double income no kids
DMZ	—	demilitarized zone
DTM	—	demographic transition model
EC	—	European Community
EEZ	—	exclusive economic zone
EPZ	—	export processing zone
ESA	—	environmentally sensitive area
EU	—	Europe Union
GATT	—	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDI	—	gender-related development index
GDP	—	gross domestic product
GEM	—	gender empowerment index
GIS		geographic information system
GMO		genetically modified organisms
GNI	—	gross national income
GNP	—	Gross National Product
GPS	—	Global Positioning System
GRDI	—	global retail development index
HDI	—	human development index
HIV / AIDS	—	Human Immunodeficiency Virus / Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
HuG	—	Human Geography
Huggers	—	Those that take APHG
IMF	—	International Monetary Fund
IMR	—	infant mortality rate
IRA	—	Irish Republican Army

IT	—	information technology
LAFTA	—	Latin American Free Trade Association
LDC	—	less developed country
LEDC	—	less economically developed country
LNG	—	liquefied natural gas
MDC	—	more developed country
MEDC	—	more economically developed country
MSA	—	metropolitan statistical area
NAFTA	—	North American Free Trade Agreement
NATO	—	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	—	non-governmental organization
NIC	—	newly industrialized country
NIMBY	—	not in my backyard
NIR	—	natural increase rate
OAS	—	Organization of American States
OAU	—	Organization of African Union
OECD	—	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPEC	—	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
PPP	—	purchasing power parity
RIC	—	recently industrializing country
RNI	—	rate of natural increase
SEZ	—	special economic zone
TFR	—	total fertility rate
TNC	—	transnational corporation
UAE	—	United Arab Emirates
UK	—	United Kingdom
UNCLOS	—	United Nations (Law of the Sea)
UNO	—	United Nations Organization
USA	—	United States of America
USSR	—	United Soviet Socialists Republics —Soviet Union
WHO	—	World Health Organization
WTO	—	World Trade Organization
ZPG	—	zero population growth

FBGLD—Ferris Beuller Got a Lucky Day
 Language tree equals—**F**amily, **B**ranch,
Group, **L**anguage, **D**ialect