

Technical English words and expressions that can and cannot be shortened

Part A

Without looking at Part B below, try to think of any other way of saying the things below in English, for example shorter and/ or more informal words and expressions.

remote control
the accelerator
a personal computer
kilometres per hour
kilometres
centimetres
influenza
milligrams
gasoline
a laboratory

-----cover or fold-----

Part B

Match these words and expressions with the ones above.

K
cm
flu
gas
gear
a lab
kph
mg
the pedal/ the gas
a PC
the remote/ the zapper

Part C

None of these words can be shortened in English – please write them out in full

These forks are made from Sheffield's finest stainless _____

There is a problem with enriched uran _____, which can be used to develop nuclear weapons

A dia _____ of how the future bridge will look

Alumi _____ foil

Automa _____ can lead to many factory workers losing their jobs