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**K** *abbreviation* thousand □ **£1k** £1000

**Kb, Kbit** *abbreviation* kilobit

**KB, Kbyte** *abbreviation* kilobyte ○ *The new disk drive has a 100GB capacity.*

**ke** *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Kenya

**Keesings Contemporary Archives** /,ki:siŋz kən,tem(p)ərəri 'ɑ:kəɪvz/ *plural noun* a monthly publication listing world events reported in the press

**Kelly's Directories** /'kelɪz daɪ ,rekt(ə)rɪz/ *plural noun* a series of business directories listing products and services and the street names in Britain

**Kermit** /'kɜ:mɪt/ *noun* a file transfer protocol which enables computer programs to be transferred from one system to another

**key** /ki:/ *noun* **1.** a button on a computer keyboard which is pressed to operate the machine **2.** something that is important ■ *verb* to type information using a computer or typesetting machine ○ *The entire text was keyed in Times italic.* ◊ **rekey**

**keyboard** /'ki:bɔ:d/ *noun* a set of keys arranged in order and used to enter information into a computer or typewriter

**keyboarder** /'ki:bɔ:də/ *noun* a person who types information into a computer

**keyboarding** /'ki:bɔ:dɪŋ/, **keying** /'ki:ɪŋ/ *noun* the act of entering data on a keyboard

**keyboard operator** /'ki:bɔ:d ,ɒpəreɪtə/ *noun* a person who works with a keyboard

**key field** /,ki: 'fi:ld/ *noun* a field which identifies important entries in a record, e.g. name and address

**key function** /'ki: ,fʌŋkʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a stored command given to a specific key on a computer

**key in** /,ki: 'ɪn/ *verb* to enter text or commands on a computer by means of a keyboard

**keynote** /'ki:nəʊt/ *noun* the part of a policy or speech which is emphasised and given the most importance

**keynote speech** /'ki:nəʊt ,spi:tʃ/ *noun* a speech at a conference which states the main topic for discussion

**keypad** /'ki:pæd/ *noun* **1.** a set of numerical keys often used for security devices to open doors by means of a known code **2.** numerical keys set separately on the right-hand side of a computer keyboard

**keystroke** /'ki:stɹəʊk/ *noun* an act of pressing a key on a keyboard

**key system** /,ki: 'sɪstəm/ *noun* a system which controls all other functions

**keyword** /'ki:wɜ:d/ *noun* the most important word in a title or sentence

**keyword and context** /,ki:wɜ:d ən 'kɒntekst/ *noun* full form of **KWAC**

**keyword in context** /,ki:wɜ:d ɪn 'kɒntekst/ *noun* full form of **KWIC**

**keyword out of context** /,ki:wɜ:d aʊt əv 'kɒntekst/ *noun* full form of **KWOC**

**keyword out of title** /,ki:wɜ:d aʊt əv 'taɪt(ə)/ *noun* full form of **KWOT**

**keyword search** /,ki:wɜ:d 'sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* a system of searching a database

by using combinations of special words connected with the subject of the search

**kg** *abbreviation* kilogram □ **1kg** 1000 grams

**kh** *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Cambodia

**ki** *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Kiribati

**kill** /kɪl/ *verb* to erase or stop a computer program

**kilobit** /'kɪləbɪt/ *noun* a measure of 1,024 bits of data. Abbr **Kb**, **Kbit**

**kilobyte** /'kɪləʊbaɪt/ *noun* a unit of measurement for high capacity storage devices meaning 1,024 bytes of data. Abbr **KB**, **Kbyte**

**King James Bible** /,kɪŋ dʒeɪmz 'baɪb(ə)/ *noun* same as **Authorised Version**

**kiosk** /'ki:nsk/ *noun* a small, often wooden building, used for selling things

**km** *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Comoros

**KM** *abbreviation* knowledge management

**kn** *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for St Kitts and Nevis

**knockdown price** /,nɒkdaʊn 'praɪs/ *noun* a price that is much lower than normal

**know-how** /'nəʊ haʊ/ *noun* knowledge about how to do specific tasks, especially technical or scientific ones

**knowledge** /'nɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* abstract information and understanding that somebody has about a subject

**knowledgeable** /'nɒlɪdʒəb(ə)/ *adjective* possessing or showing a great deal of knowledge, awareness or intelligence

**knowledge base** /'nɒlɪdʒ beɪs/ *noun* the computerised data in an expert system required for solving problems in a specific area

**knowledge-based system** /'nɒlɪdʒ beɪst ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a computer system that applies the stored reactions, instructions and knowledge of experts in a particular field to a problem

**knowledge capital** /'nɒlɪdʒ ,kæprɪt(ə)/ *noun* knowledge, especially specialist knowledge, that a company and its employees possess and that can be put to profitable use

**knowledge harvesting** /'nɒlɪdʒ ,hɑ:vəstɪŋ/ *noun* the activity of interviewing experts in a particular area and trying to capture their knowledge on the subject so it can be used by others

**knowledge industry** /'nɒlɪdʒ ,ɪndəstri/ *noun* businesses that specialise primarily in data processing or the development and use of information technology

**knowledge management** /'nɒlɪdʒ ,mænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the task of coordinating the specialist knowledge possessed by employees so that it can be exploited to create benefits and competitive advantage for the organisation. Abbr **KM**

'Knowledge Management is important because many organisations are not truly 'hunting as a pack' and are thus not getting a decent return on their people's knowledge – or intellectual capital. Organisations that have grown by acquisition are in many cases nothing more than a federation of loosely coupled, and often antagonistic, units. Hence they are not punching their true weight.' [Financial Times]

**knowledge mapping** /'nɒlɪdʒ ,mæprɪŋ/ *noun* the process of effectively documenting and representing knowledge harvested from experts

**knowledge representation** /'nɒlɪdʒ ,reprɪzenteɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a way of writing down knowledge so that it can be understood by others, e.g. by putting it into diagram form

**knowledge resources** /'nɒlɪdʒ rɪ ,zɔ:sɪz/ *plural noun* documented knowledge on a subject such as effective management, which can be used to educate others

**knowledge strategy** /'nɒlɪdʒ ,strætədʒi/ *noun* a set of guidelines laying out the way that knowledge should be collated and shared within a company

**knowledge transfer** /'nɒlɪdʒ ,trænsfɜː/ *noun* the communication of specialised knowledge developed in part of an organisation to a wider group such as another part of the organisation or business customers

**knowledge visualisation** /'nɒlɪdʒ ,vɪʒuəlaɪzɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process of mapping knowledge in the most effective way so that it can be shared with others

**knowledge worker** /'nɒlɪdʒ ,wɜːkə/ *noun* **1.** somebody working in an industry that produces information rather than goods, e.g. management consultancy or computer programming **2.** an employee whose value to an organisation lies in the information, ideas and expertise that they possess

**Kompass Directories** /'kʌmpəs daɪ,rekt(ə)rɪz/ *plural noun* listings for different countries of most registered companies, e.g. of industrial companies with more than 10 employees who trade nationally in the UK

**kp** *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for North Korea

**kr** *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for South Korea

**Kurzweil** /'kɜːtsveɪl/ a trademark for an OCR reader which can recognise typefaces and reads printed text into a computer, converting the printed signs to code

**kw** *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Kuwait

**KWAC** /kwæk/ *noun* a library indexing system using keywords from the title and text as the index entries. Full form **keyword and context**

**KWIC** /kwɪk/ *noun* a library indexing system which uses the title or text to illustrate the meaning of the index entry. Full form **keyword in context**

**KWOC** /kwɒk/ *noun* a library indexing system using any relevant keywords not necessarily used in the text. Full form **keyword out of context**

**KWOT** /kwɒt/ *noun* an indexing system using words not in the title. Full form **keyword out of title**

**ky** *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Cayman Islands

**kz** *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Kazakhstan