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

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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
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