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

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