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- Avoid using abbreviations within the text. When needed, follow the common guidelines for writing abbreviations in French: delete the final letters of a word before a vowel, but after a consonant, and replace the deleted letters by a period, except if the last letter of the word ends the abbreviation (édition: éd.; volume: vol.; compagnie: cie; Madame: Mme). Note that units of the international system and symbols do not take a period (gramme: g; kilomètre: km).

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- Always spell out the first occurrence of agency, organization, institution names…, followed by the acronym or abbreviation within brackets: Société québécoise de science politique (SQSP). In French grammar, note that acronyms normally are the same gender as the first noun of their denomination and take no periods or accented letters. From then on, the acronyms without brackets can be used throughout the text if they are well known or if occurrences are close enough, otherwise it is well advised to use again the full name to prevent readers from going back and forth to recall their meaning.

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