

# UFOLOGY'S MORPHING TERMINOLOGY

After the June 1947 sightings by Kenneth Arnold, objects in the sky became known as “flying saucers”. The term “Unidentified Flying Object” was coined in 1953 by the US Air Force. In the early days of Project Blue Book, the term was shortened into the acronym “UFO”. However, terminology changes didn't stop there. They evolved to meet a new challenge: The Freedom of Information Act. When this became law in 1967, suddenly and unexpectedly, documentation containing the term UFO became targeted by persons legally attempting to obtain US government documentation. Some believe that later terminology was solely an attempt to hide further documentation from FOIA inquiries. Others believe that later terms are better descriptions of the objects and their associated behavior. Here's a list of terms that we've heard used in the context of describing an unknown object:

**UAP** – **Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (common)**

**UAP** – **Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena**

**UAV** – **Unidentified Aerial Vehicle**

**Unidentified Aerospace Vehicle**

**Unauthorized Aerial Vehicle**

**Unauthorized Aerospace Vehicle**

**Unmanned Aerial Vehicle**

**Unmanned Aerospace Vehicle**

**USO** – **Unidentified Submerged Object (common)**

**AAV** – **Anomalous Aerial Vehicle**

**Anomalous Aerospace Vehicle**

**AAS** – **Anomalous Aerial System**

**Anomalous Aerospace System**

**AAT** – **Anomalous Aerial Threat**

**Anomalous Aerospace Threat**

**UHFO** – **Ultra High Frequency Object**

**EVO** – **Exotic Vacuum Object**

**The Phenomena (common)**

**UCT** – **Uncorrelated Target (NORAD)**

As you learn more about the UFO subject, you will see and hear other acronyms, abbreviations and confusing terminology. There are several helpful websites that can help clarify these terms and how they relate to the subject material:

<https://www.alien-technology.com/alien-terminology-a/>

<https://www.etufodisclosure.com/terminology>

<https://www.acronymfinder.com>

<https://www.allacronyms.com>

<http://midimagic.sgc-hosting.com/ufoterms.htm>

[https://uforesearch.fandom.com/wiki/Category:UFOlogical Terminology](https://uforesearch.fandom.com/wiki/Category:UFOlogical_Terminology)

<https://ufo.fandom.com/wiki/Glossary>

<https://ufo.fandom.com/wiki/Category:Ufology>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of aviation, aerospace and aeronautical abbreviations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_aviation,_aerospace_and_aeronautical_abbreviations)

(Please be aware that we did not verify each and every definition on all of the websites listed above but each had advantages to the information shared. Thorough investigation and reasonable discernment is always key.)