



A Brief Comparison of ‘i.e.’ and ‘e.g.’

i.e. = ‘that is’ or ‘in other words’

Examples of the use of ‘i.e.’ include:

- ‘The study outcomes were positive, i.e. they showed what the researchers had hoped.’
- ‘The interviewees’ answers were inconclusive, i.e. they did not indicate a preference in either direction.’

e.g. = ‘for example’

Examples of the use of ‘e.g.’ include:

- ‘The sample included people from a variety of countries, e.g., China, Japan and Australia.’
- ‘The researchers were studying the effects of frequent exercise, e.g., increased muscle mass and increased energy levels.’

To distinguish between the two abbreviations, it may help you to remember that ‘e.g.’ begins with an ‘e’ and so does ‘example’.