

There are three START treaties:

—START I, signed in 1991.

—START II, signed in 1992.

Ratified by U.S. Senate, but never took effect because Senate did not adopt the 1997 protocol and several amendments to Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty demanded by Russian Duma. Shelved by Russia in 2002 after U.S. withdrew from ABM treaty.

—New START, signed in 2010.

Do not confuse with the *Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty* of 1979, known as *SALT*.

### Strategic Defense Initiative

This is the official name of the research and development work on defense against a nuclear attack. *SDI* is the abbreviation and is acceptable on second reference. “Star Wars” has become synonymous with both and was derived from the movie series. If used, it must always be within quotation marks.

**streaming** A method of processing and delivering media in real time over the Internet. Videos on YouTube are an example of streaming content, as are many on-demand services like Netflix and Hulu.

**street** Abbreviate only with a numbered address. See **addresses**.

### strikebreaker

**strong-arm** (v. and adj.)

### strong-willed

**stylebook** One word when referring to the *AP Stylebook* and to *stylebooks* generically.

**Styrofoam** A trademark for a brand of plastic foam. Use the term *plastic foam* unless referring specifically to the trademarked product. (Note: Cups and other serving items are not made of *Styrofoam* brand

plastic foam.)

**sub-** The rules in **prefixes** apply, but in general, no hyphen. Some examples:

subbasement  
subcommittee  
subculture  
subdivision

submachine gun  
suborbital  
subtotal  
subzero

**subcommittee** Lowercase when used with the name of a legislative body’s full committee: *a Ways and Means subcommittee*.

Capitalize when a subcommittee has a proper name of its own: *the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations*.

**subject** See **citizen, resident, subject, national, native**.

**subjunctive mood** Use the subjunctive mood of a verb for contrary-to-fact conditions, and expressions of doubts, wishes or regrets:

*If I were a rich man, I wouldn’t have to work hard.*

*I doubt that more money would be the answer.*

*I wish it were possible to take back my words.*

Sentences that express a contingency or hypothesis may use either the subjunctive or the indicative mood depending on the context. In general, use the subjunctive if there is little likelihood that a contingency might come true:

*If I were to marry a millionaire, I wouldn’t have to worry about money.*

*If the bill passes as expected, it will provide an immediate tax cut.*

See **should, would**.

**submachine gun** See **weapons**.

**subpoena, subpoenaed, subpoenaing**

**subprime** A class of borrowers characterized by tarnished credit