Note-taking symbols & abbreviations

Common Symbols	
→	leads to / causes
←	is the result of / is caused by
↑	increase / rise
↓	decrease / fall
&	and
@	at / amount
/	per
?	question
!	surprisingly
>	is greater than / more than
<	is less than
+	plus / also / in addition
x	times
-	minus
=	equal to / the same as / corresponds with
≠	not equal to
%	percentage
$	dollars / money / price / cost
#	number
~	about / approximately
2	to / too
4	for
8	anything ending in '-ate'
∴	therefore
∵	because

Common abbreviations	
e.g.	for example / such as
i.e.	that is
w/	with
w/o	without
w/i	within
vs	versus / against
cf	compare
b4	before
re:	regarding / referring to / about
cont.	continue
diff.	difference
edu.	education
esp.	especially
est.	establish
etc.	etcetera / and so on
info.	information
intro.	introduction / introduces
min.	minimum / minute
max.	maximum

Apostrophe + final letter	
assoc'n	association / associate
gov't	government
edu'l	educational
Apostrophe + 'g' for '-ing'	
result'g	resulting
estblsh'g	establishing
expct'g	expecting
Removing vowels or creating word skeletons	
xpct	expect
prblm	problem
bkgrnd	background
gvt	government
wds	words
rltn	relation

Be adventurous and make up some of your own abbreviations – the most important thing is that you understand their meaning.