

The Phonetic Alphabet

When it is necessary to spell out words, as for example when communication is difficult, or speaking to a station unable to converse fluently in your language, the following table can be used

Letter	Word	Spoken as	Letter	Word	Spoken as
A	ALPHA	<u>AL</u> FAH	N	NOVEMBER	NO <u>VEM</u> BER
B	BRAVO	<u>BRAH</u> VOH	O	OSCAR	<u>OSS</u> CAH
C	CHARLIE	<u>CHAR</u> LEE	P	PAPA	PAH <u>PAH</u>
D	DELTA	<u>DELL</u> TAH	Q	QUEBEC	KEH <u>BECK</u>
E	ECHO	<u>ECK</u> OH	R	ROMEO	<u>ROW</u> ME OH
F	FOXTROT	<u>FOKS</u> TROT	S	SIERRA	SEE <u>AIR</u> RAH
G	GOLF	GOLF	T	TANGO	<u>TAN</u> GO
H	HOTEL	HOH <u>TELL</u>	U	UNIFORM	<u>YOU</u> NEE FORM
I	INDIA	<u>IN</u> DEE AH	V	VICTOR	<u>VIK</u> TAH
J	JULIET	<u>JEW</u> LEE ETT	W	WHISKEY	<u>WISS</u> KEY
K	KILO	<u>KEY</u> LOH	X	X-RAY	<u>ECKS</u> RAY
L	LIMA	<u>LEE</u> MAH	Y	YANKEE	<u>YANG</u> KEY
M	MIKE	MIKE	Z	ZULU	<u>ZOO</u> LOO

The syllables to be emphasised are underlined.

When it is necessary to spell out figures or marks, the following table shall be used

Figure or mark to be transmitted	Code word to be used	Spoken as
0	NADAZERO	NAH - DAH - ZAY - ROH
1	UNAONE	OO - NAH - WUN
2	BISSOTWO	BEES - SOH - TOO
3	TERRATHREE	TAY - RAH - TREE
4	KARTEFOUR	KAR - TAY - FOWER
5	PANTAFIVE	PAN - TAH - FIVE
6	SOXISIX	SOK - SEE -SIX
7	SETTESEVEN	SAY - TAY - SEVEN
8	OCTOEIGHT	OK - TOH - AIT
9	NOVENINE	NO - VAY - NINER
Decimal Point	DECIMAL	DAY - SEE - MAL
Full Stop	STOP	STOP
At Sign	AMPERSAND	AM - PER - SAND

Say Your Name in Phonetics

- Sources - International Telecommunication Union - Appendix 16: Phonetic Alphabet and Figure Code
Radio Regulations (Geneva, 1959) 430-431.
- Overseas Telecommunications Corporation of Australia - Radio Guide for Ships at Sea
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Other Phonetic Alphabets

Here are lists of other phonetic alphabets as used in times past

Royal Navy 1914-1918	Western Front Signalese 1914-1918	Royal Air Force 1924-1942	Royal Air Force 1943-1956	U.S. Forces 1941-1956	ITU 1932-1956	Ham Radio Slang Phonetics
Apples	Ack	Ace	Able/Affirm	Able	Amsterdam	America
Butter	Beer	Beer	Baker	Baker	Baltimore	Boston
Charlie	Charlie	Charlie	Charlie	Charlie	Casablanca	Canada
Duff	Don	Don	Dog	Dog	Denmark	Denmark
Edward	Edward	Edward	Easy	Easy	Edison	England
Freddy	Freddie	Freddie	Fox	Fox	Florida	France
George	Gee	George	George	George	Gallipoli	Germany
Harry	Harry	Harry	How	How	Havana	Honolulu
Ink	Ink	Ink	Item/Interrogatory	Item	Italia	Italy
Johnnie	Johnnie	Johnnie	Jig/Johnny	Jig	Jerusalem	Japan
King	King	King	King	King	Kilogramme	Kilowatt
London	London	London	Love	Love	Liverpool	London
Monkey	Emma	Monkey	Mike	Mike	Madagascar	Mexico
Nuts	Nuts	Nuts	Nab/Negat	Nan	New_York	Norway
Orange	Oranges	Orange	Oboe	Oboe	Oslo	Ontario
Pudding	Pip	Pip	Peter/Prep	Peter	Paris	Pacific
Queenie	Queen	Queen	Queen	Queen	Quebec	Radio
Robert	Robert	Robert	Roger	Roger	Roma	Santiago
Sugar	Esses	Sugar	Sugar	Sugar	Santiago	Spain
Tommy	Toc	Toc	Tare	Tare	Tripoli	Tokyo
Uncle	Uncle	Uncle	Uncle	Uncle	Upsala	United
Vinegar	Vic	Vic	Victor	Victor	Valencia	Victoria
Willie	William	William	William	William	Washington	Washington
Xerxes	X-ray	X-ray	X-ray	X-ray	Xanthippe	X-ray
Yellow	Yorker	Yorker	Yoke	Yoke	Yokohama	Yokohama
Zebra	Zebra	Zebra	Zebra	Zebra	Zurich	Zanzibar
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