

The Hamster Handbook

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Overview

Notes made by a ham newbie as he muddled his way through the learning curve.

Voice



Remember the milk!



do not drink sour milk

Digital Modes

many!

Reference Materials

Phonetic Alphabet

A	Alfa/Alpha	AL FAH
B	Bravo	BRAH VOH
C	Charlie	CHAR LEE
D	Delta	DELL TAH
E	Echo	ECK OH
F	Foxtrot	FOKS TROT

G	Golf	GOLF
H	Hotel	HOH TELL
I	India	IN DEE AH
J	Juliett	JEW LEE ETT
K	Kilo	KEY LOH
L	Lima	LEE MAH
M	Mike	MIKE
N	November	NO VEMBER
O	Oscar	OSS CAH
P	Papa	PAH PAH
Q	Quebec	KEH BECK
R	Romeo	ROW ME OH
S	Sierra	SEE AIRRAH
T	Tango	TANG OH
U	Uniform	YOU NEE FORM
V	Victor	VIK TAH
W	Whiskey	WISS KEY
X	X-ray	ECKS RAY
Y	Yankee	YANG KEY
Z	Zulu	ZOO LOO

Q-Codes

Q-signals are a system of radio shorthand as old as wireless and developed from even older telegraphy codes. Q-signals are a set of abbreviations for common information that save time and allow communication between operators who don't speak a common language. Modern ham radio uses them extensively. The table below lists the most common Q-signals used by hams. While Q-signals were developed for use by Morse operators, their use is common on phone, as well. You will often hear, "QRZed?" as someone asks "Who is calling me?" or "I'm getting a little QRM" from an operator receiving some interference or "Let's QSY to 146.55" as two operators change from a repeater frequency to a nearby simplex communications frequency.

QRG	Your exact frequency (or that of) is __kHz. <i>Will you tell me my exact frequency (or that of)?</i>
QRL	I am busy (or I am busy with ____). Are you busy? Usually used to see if a frequency is busy.

QRM	Your transmission is being interfered with ____ (1. Nil; 2. Slightly; 3. Moderately; 4. Severely; 5. Extremely.) Is my transmission being interfered with?
QRN	I am troubled by static _____. (1 to 5 as under QRM.) Are you troubled by static?
QRO	Increase power. Shall I increase power?
QRP	Decrease power. Shall I decrease power?
QRQ	Send faster (_____wpm). Shall I send faster?
QRS	Send more slowly (_____wpm). Shall I send more slowly?
QRT	Stop sending. Shall I stop sending?
QRU	I have nothing for you. Have you anything for me?
QRV	I am ready. Are you ready?
QRX	I will call you again at _hours (on _kHz). When will you call me again? Minutes are usually implied rather than hours.
QRZ	You are being called by _ (on _____kHz). Who is calling me?
QSB	Your signals are fading. Are my signals fading?
QSK	I can hear you between signals; break in on my transmission. Can you hear me between your signals and if so can I break in on your transmission?
QSL	I am acknowledging receipt. Can you acknowledge receipt (of a message or transmission)?
QSO	I can communicate with _ <i>direct (or relay through _)</i> . Can you communicate with ____ direct or by relay?
QSP	I will relay to . Will you relay to ?
QST	General call preceding a message addressed to all amateurs and ARRL members. This is in effect "CQ ARRL."
QSY	I am listening to on _kHz. Will you listen to on _kHz?
QSY	Change to transmission on another frequency (or on _kHz). Shall I change to transmission on another frequency (or on _kHz)?

QTC	I have <i>_messages for you (or for _)</i> . How many messages have you to send?
QTH	My location is _____. What is your location?
QTR	The time is _____. What is the correct time?

REF: ARRL

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