

The Phonetic Alphabet

You will find that there are many times when the human voice fails to get a message through to another person. It could be noise, especially in HF radio, or dialect, or maybe you just had your teeth repaired and the freezing has your tongue snoozing.

During war years people on boats and aircraft were working under stress and awful noise from the machinery they were subjected to. Over a period of time a number of ways to express individual letters and numbers were developed with many changes over time. In amateur radio we tend to use a method adopted by the United Nations - the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

A Alfa	B Bravo	C Charlie
D Delta	E Echo	F Foxtrot
G Golf	H Hotel	I India
J Juliet	K Kilo	L Lima
M Mike	N November	O Oscar
P Papa	Q Quebec	R Romeo
S Sierra	T Tango	U Uniform
V Victor	W Whiskey	X X-ray
Y Yankee	Z Zulu	

Number Pronunciation

(This is definitely worth learning for when you're involved in emergency communications)

0 ZEE-ROE	1 WUN	2 TOO	3 THU-REE
4 FOWER	5 FIFE	6 SIX	7 SAYVEN
8 ATE	9 NINER	10 WUN-ZEE-ROE	11 WUN-WUN