

PHONETIC ALPHABET

The phonetic alphabet was developed to cut down on confusion in telephone conversations. Two words may sound alike, but when spelled, they are completely different words. Spelling also became confusing with the "b", "d", and "e", therefore this alphabet was developed to ease problems in communications. There were other problems during WWII the Army used word "ABLE" for "A", while the Navy used "AFFIRM". By 1961, we again have one alphabet used by all services, maritime units, aircraft, and amateur radio operators

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A - ABLE	B - BOY
C - CAST	D - DOCK
E - EASY	F - FOX
G - GEORGE	H - HAVE
I - ITEM	J - JIG
K - KING	L - LOVE
M - MIKE	N - NAN
O - OPAL	P - PUP
Q - QUACK	R - RUSH
S - SNAIL	T - TARE
U - UNIT	V - VICE
W - WATCH	X - X-RAY

Y - YOKE

Z - ZED

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A - AFFIRM	B - BAKER
C - CAST	D - DOG
E - EASY	F - FOX
G - GEORGE	H - HYPO
I - INTER	J - JIG
K - KING	L - LOVE
M - MIKE	N - NEGAT
O - OPTION	P - PREP
Q - QUEEN	R - ROGER
S - SAIL	T - TARE
U - UNIT	V - VICTOR
W - WILLIAM	X - X-RAY
Y - YOKE	Z - ZED

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A - ABLE	B - BAKER
C - CHARLIE	D - DOG
E - EASY	F - FOX
G - GEORGE	H - HOW
I - INTER	J - JIG
K - KING	L - LOVE
M - MIKE	N - NAN
O - OBOE	P - PETER
Q - QUEEN	R - ROGER
S - SUGAR	T - TARE
U - UNCLE	V - VICTOR
W - WILLIAM	X - X-RAY
Y - YOKE	Z - ZEBRA

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TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

CENTER OPERATIONS

A - ALFA	B - BRAVO
C - CHARLIE	D - DELTA
E - ECHO	F - FOXTROT
G - GOLF	H - HOTEL
I - INDIA	J - JULIETT
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