

Q Codes

Hams use a lot of abbreviations to communicate information. Here is a list of many of them...

QRA What is the name of your station? The name of my station is ____.

QRB How far are you from my station? I am ____ km from you station.

QRD Where are you bound, and where are you coming from? I am bound ____ from ____.

QRG Will you tell me my exact frequency? Your exact frequency is ____ kHz.

QRH Does my frequency vary? Your frequency varies.

QRI How is the tone of my transmission? The tone of your transmission is ____ (1-Good, 2-Variable, 3-Bad.)

QRJ Are you receiving me badly? I cannot receive you, your signal is too weak

QRK What is the intelligibility of my signals? The intelligibility of your signals is ____ (1-Bad, 2-Poor, 3-Fair, 4-Good, 5-Excellent.)

QRL Are you busy? I am busy; please do not interfere.

QRM Is my transmission being interfered with? Your transmission is being interfered with ____ (1-None, 2-Slightly, 3-Moderately, 4-Severely, 5-Extremely.) Man made noise.

QRN Are you troubled by static? I am troubled by static ____ (1-5 as under QRM.) Noise made by Mother Nature.

QRO Shall I increase power? Increase power.

QRP Shall I decrease power? Decrease power. A station running low power (usually 10 watts or less)

QRQ Shall I send faster? Send faster (____ WPM.)

QRR Are you ready for automatic operation? I am ready for automatic operation.
Send at ____ WPM.

QRS Shall I send more slowly? Send more slowly (____ WPM.)

QRT Shall I stop sending? Stop sending.

QRU Have you anything for me? I have nothing for you.

QRV Are you ready? I am ready.

QRW Shall I inform ____ that you are calling? Please inform ____ that I am calling.

QRX When will you call me again? I will call you again at ____ hours.

QRY What is my turn? Your turn is numbered ____.

QRZ Who is calling me? You are being called by ____.

QSA What is the strength of my signals? The strength of your signals is ____ (1- Scarcely perceptible, 2-Weak, 3-Fairly Good, 4-Good, 5-Very Good.)

QSB Are my signals fading? Your signals are fading.

QSD Is my keying defective? Your keying is defective.

QSG Shall I send ____ messages at a time? Send ____ messages at a time.

QSI What is the charge to be collected per word to ____, including your international telegraph charge? The charge to be collected per word is ____, including my international telegraph charge.

QSK Can you hear me between your signals, and if so, can I break in on your transmission? I can hear you between my signals, break-in on my transmission.

QSL Can you acknowledge receipt? I am acknowledging receipt.

QSM Shall I repeat the last message which I sent you? Repeat the last message.

QSN Did you hear me on ____ kHz? I did hear you on ____ kHz.

QSO Can you communicate with ____ direct or by relay? I can communicate with ____ direct (or by relay through ____.)

QSP Will you relay to ____? I will relay to ____.

QSQ Have you a doctor on board? (or is ____ on board?) I have a doctor on board (or ____ is on board.)

QSU Shall I send or reply on this frequency? Send a series of Vs on this frequency.

QSV Shall I send a series of Vs on this frequency? Send a series of Vs on this frequency.

QSW Will you send on this frequency? I am going to send on this frequency.

QSY Shall I change to another frequency? Change to another frequency.

QSZ Shall I send each word or group more than once? Send each word or group twice (or ____ times.)

QTA Shall I cancel message number ____? Cancel message number ____.

QTB Do you agree with my counting of words? I disagree with your counting of words. I will repeat the first letter or digit of each word or group.

QTC How many messages have you to send? I have ____ messages for you.

QTE What is my true bearing from you? Your true bearing from me is ____ degrees.

QTG Will you send two dashes of 10 seconds each followed by your call sign? I am going to send two dashes of 10 seconds each followed by my call sign.

QTH What is your location? My location is ____.

QTI What is your true track? My true track is ____ degrees.

QTJ What is your speed? My speed is ____ km/h.

QTL What is your true heading? My true heading is ____ degrees.

QTN At what time did you depart from ____? I departed from ____ at ____ hours.

QTO Have you left port? I have left port.

QTP Are you going to enter port? I am going to enter the port.

QTQ Can you communicate with my station by means of the International Code of Signals? I am going to communicate with your station by means of the International Code of Signals.

QTR What is the correct time? The time is ____.

QTS Will you send your call sign for ____ minutes so that your frequency can be measured? I will send my call sign for ____ minutes so that my frequency may be measured.

QTU What are the hours during which your station is open? My station is open from ____ hours to ____ hours.

QTV Shall I stand guard for you on the frequency of ____ kHz? Stand guard for me on the frequency of ____ kHz.

QTX Will you keep your station open for further communication with me? I will keep my station open for further communication with you.

QUA Have you news of ____? I have news of ____.

QUB Can you give me information concerning visibility, the height of clouds, direction, and velocity of ground wind at ____? Here is the information you requested...

QUC What is the number of the last message you received from me? The number of the last message I received from you is ____.

QUD Have you received the urgency signal sent by ____? I have received the urgency signal sent by ____.

QUF Have you received the distress signal sent by ____? I have received the distress signal sent by ____.

QUG Will you be forced to land? I am forced to land immediately.

QUH Will you give me the present barometric pressure? The present barometric pressure is ____ (units).

The ones you'll hear all the time are colored RED.