Phonetic Alphabet *and Morse Code*

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A · ·– **Alfa** AL-FAH	B –··· **Bravo** BRAH-VOH	C –·–· **Charlie** CHAR-LEE or SHAR-LEE	D –·· **Delta** DELL-TAH
E · **Echo** ECK-OH	F ··–· **Foxtrot** FOKS-TROT	G ––· **Golf** GOLF	H ···· **Hotel** HOH-TEL
I ·· **India** IN-DEE-AH	J ·––– **Juliett** JEW-LEE-ETT	K –·– **Kilo** KEY-LOH	L ·–·· **Lima** LEE-MAH
M –– **Mike** MIKE	N –· **November** NO-VEM-BER	O ––– **Oscar** OSS-CAH	P ·––· **Papa** PAH-PAH
Q ––·– **Quebec** KEH-BECK	R ·–· **Romeo** ROW-ME-OH	S ··· **Sierra** SEE-AIR-RAH	T – **Tango** TANG-GO
U ··– **Uniform** YOU-NEE-FORM or OO-NEE-FORM	V ···– **Victor** VIK-TAH	W ·–– **Whiskey** WISS-KEY	X –··– **Xray** ECKS-RAY
Y –·–– **Yankee** YANG-KEY	Z ––·· **Zulu** ZOO-LOO		

FIGURES · in the order of the table

1 ·–––– **One** WUN	2 ··––– **Two** TOO	3 ···–– **Three** TREE	4 ····– **Four** FOW-ER	5 ····· **Five** FIFE
6 –···· **Six** SIX	7 ––··· **Seven** SEV-EN	8 –––·· **Eight** AIT	9 ––––· **Nine** NIN-ER	0 ––––– **Zero** ZEE-RO

The phonetic alphabet

The Aeronautical Information Manual of the United States Federal Aviation Administration gives, in its paragraph 4-2-7, the phonetic alphabet of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Its table pairs each letter and figure with its Morse code, its telephony word and the pronunciation of that word.

When it is used

FAA personnel use the alphabet when communications conditions are such that the information cannot be readily received without it, and air traffic control may ask pilots to use it when aircraft with similar sounding identifications share a frequency. Pilots should use it to identify their aircraft on initial contact with air traffic control, and in adverse conditions to give single letters and to spell out groups of letters or difficult words.

Reading the sheet

Each card gives the character, its Morse code drawn as dots and dashes, its telephony word in bold and the pronunciation in capitals, as the table sets them; Charlie and Uniform have two pronunciations. The figures follow the order of the table, from 1 to 9, then 0.

Source

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