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Pro-words, Introductory Words, and Operational Words are set aside for special purposes and are recognized by traffic handlers.

Do not voice any extraneous words like “check,” “with a check of,” “city of origin,” “from,” “to,” “going to,” “street address,” “break for text,” “break for the signature,” “signature,” etc. – unless part of the message text.

Any other words used are likely to cause confusion or be written down by the receiving operator. Words such as “today's date,” “BACK STOP, that's two words,” “BLACK, as in night,” etc., are considered more than bad practice.



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For Flow	Meaning	Voice Example
Over	I'm done speaking and I'm standing by for a reply.	KK7PDX, <i>Over</i>
Out	I'm done speaking but I don't expect a reply. I'm standing by on this frequency.	KK7PDX, <i>Out</i>
Clear	I'm done speaking and I'm leaving this frequency or turning off my radio.	KK7PDX, <i>Clear</i>
Ready	Are you ready to copy my message? Yes, I am ready to copy	KK7PDX, W7SNC, <i>ready?</i> This is KK7PDX, <i>ready</i>
Please Copy ...	Start writing the next words I say	<i>Please Copy ...</i>
Initial, X-Ray	End of sentence. Used instead of a period (The “X” used as a period is often voiced without the “initial” introduction. The method shown is preferred.)	... this sentence, <i>initial, x-ray</i> ; Next sentence in the message ...



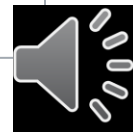
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End (or End Message)	End of message	Love, break, Mom and Dad, <i>End</i>
Number to Follow	I have (number) more messages for you to copy	Message end; <i>Two to Follow</i>
Roger	I am sure. I have the message copied correctly (Roger means “received and understood” It does not mean “yes” or “affirmative”)	<i>Roger</i> , KK7DEB
Go Ahead	Continue. Used after requesting fills or after interruptions, to signal the sending operator to continue	<i>Go ahead</i>
Go Next	I am ready to copy your next message	Affirmative; <i>go next</i>



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For Message Text	Meaning	Voice Example
Break	Used after body of message, if followed by approval information	...nicely. <i>Break</i> . Approved by Name Jenny Jones
I spell ...	I will spell phonetically the last word I said. (Used to spell an address or any difficult or uncommon word)	My name is Eliza. <i>I Spell</i> , Echo, Lima, India, Zulu, Alpha.
Initials	The next thing I say will be an abbreviation or acronym	... multimeter. <i>Initials</i> , Charlie, Oscar; <i>Initials</i> , Alpha, Romeo, Echo, Sierra
Amateur Call	Precedes a callsign	John Doe, <i>Amateur Call</i> , K1FMB
Mixed Group	The next thing I say will be a combination of letters and digits beginning with <u>a letter</u>	Postal code is, <i>Mixed Group</i> , Victor, Five, Three, Hotel, Zulu, Seven
Mixed Group Figures	The next thing I say will be a combination of letters and digits, beginning with <u>a digit</u>	My license plate is, <i>Mixed Group Figures</i> , Nine, Lima, Mike, Tango, Three, Four, Eight



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Figures	The next thing I say will be a sequence of digits	... serial number, <i>figures</i> , 279537
Zip figures	Precedes the zip code in an address	Portland, Oregon, <i>Zip figures</i> , 97210
Phone figures	Precedes a phone number	<i>Phone figures</i> , 503 318 1333
Query	Indicates a question	... at the airport, <i>query</i>
Slash (slantbar, stroke)	Forward slash used to separate text	...label is, three <i>slash</i> two, zero, six
Uppercase	Precedes a single uppercase letter when case matters, such as in passwords.	<i>Uppercase</i> , Golf
Lowercase	Precedes a single lowercase letter when case matters, such as in passwords.	<i>Lowercase</i> , Tango



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For Corrections and Fills	Meaning	Voice Example
Say Again ...	Asking to repeat a part of a message. Respond to such a request for clarity or correction.	<i>Say again</i> , to Field. <i>I say again</i> , to Jean Simmonds
Fill words ...	I missed some words. Please repeat them.	<i>Fill words</i> after "house"
Word After ...	Please repeat the word after .	<i>Fills please. Word After</i> "new"
All Between ...	Please repeat everything between _____and _____.	<i>Fills please. All Between</i> "new" and "love"
Correction	I need to correct something previously given.	<i>Correction. Word before</i> "refrigerator" is "new"
Confirm	Do I have this correctly? Yes, I do.	<i>Confirm</i> city, Roseville? <i>Confirm</i>



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Miscellaneous	Meaning	Voice Example
Affirmative	Yes	<i>Affirmative</i>
Charlie	Yes (not often used but heard)	<i>Charlie</i>
Negative	No	<i>Negative</i>
Pound sign	Character occasionally used in text (often spelled out for clarity) (Not called hash mark or hashtag)	<i>Pound sign, I spell, P O U N D S I G N</i>
73	Best regards (<u>73's</u> is redundant)	<i>73</i>

Q-signals are not used operationally on voice. However, Q-Signals are permitted within the message text and are treated as initials.

