



Amateur Radio Education

Summerland Amateur Radio Club

Regulations exam study guide

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The regulations exam paper is likely to have questions related to the phonetic alphabet. This copy is from the ACMA <https://www.acma.gov.au/amateur-radio-operating-procedures>

	Word	*Spoken as
A	ALFA	AL FAH
B	BRAVO	BRAH VOH
C	CHARLIE	CHAR LEE
D	DELTA	DELL TAH
E	ECHO	ECH OH
F	FOXTROT	FOKS TROT
G	GOLF	GOLF
H	HOTEL	HOH TELL
I	INDIA	IN DEE AH
J	JULIET	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
V	VICTOR	VICK TAH
W	WHISKY	WISS KEY
X	X-RAY	ECKS RAY
Y	YANKEE	YANG KEY
Z	ZULU	ZOO LOO

Phonetic alphabet

The phonetic alphabet is used to spell words when radio conditions are poor and signals are weak.

Use the phonetic alphabet to spell your call sign and name. For example, if your call sign is VK2KO and your name is Colin:

Victor Kilo 2 Kilo Oscar, and my name is Colin, I spell Charlie Oscar Lima India November.

Note that you use the phonetic alphabet to spell your call sign completely. Do not use a mixture of plain language and the phonetic alphabet, as that will lead to confusion.

The phonetic alphabet is normally used on HF when conditions are poor. It is not normally necessary on repeaters.