

# **CW Abbreviation: The Most Commonly Used**

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**ABT:** about

**ADR:** address

**AGN:** again

**ANS:** answer

**ANT:** antenna

**B4:** before

**BCNU:** be seeing you

**BK:** break

**Buro:** QSL bureau

**CFM:** confirm

**CL:** closing down (leaving the air)

**CLG:** calling

**CNDX:** conditions

**Congrats:** congratulations

**CPI:** copy (I replaces the ending Y in a number of abbreviations)

**CUAGN:** see you again

**CUL:** see you later

**CUZ:** because

**DE:** from

**DR:** dear

**DSW:** das vedanya (until we meet again, used by many Russian ops)

**DWN:** down

**DX:** non USA station

**EL:** elements

**ES:** and

**EU:** Europe

**EVE:** evening

**FB:** fine business

**FER:** for

**FREQ:** frequency. You can also use QRG

**GA:** good afternoon  
**GA:** go ahead (this is used by seasoned operators instead of BK)  
**GD:** good day  
**GE:** good evening  
**GG:** going  
**GL:** good luck  
**GLD:** glad  
**GM:** good morning  
**GN:** good night  
**GP:** ground plane  
**GUD:** good

**HI:** laughter and usually repeated 2 times  
**HNY:** happy new year  
**HPE:** hope  
**HR:** here  
**HRD:** heard  
**HVG:** having  
**HW?:** how copy

**INFO:** information  
**I I:** 2 letter I's spaced apart can take the place of sending a string of dits if you make an error. It's easier on the ears of the listener and more professional

**K:** transmission over to you

**LID:** poor op  
**LP:** long path propagation  
**LSN:** listen  
**LW:** long wire antenna

**MSG:** message  
**MX:** merry christmas

**NIL:** none

**NR:** near

**NW:** now

**OK:** ok

**OM:** old man

**OP:** operator or name

**PSE:** please

**PWR:** power

**R:** roger

**RCVD:** received

**RIG:** station equipment

**RX:** receiver

**SA:** say, like say 73

**Shud:** should

**SIGS:** signals

**SKED:** schedule QSO time

**SRI:** sorry. Here again the I replaces the Y

**STN:** station

**Temp:** temperature

**TKS:** thanks

**TNX:** thanks

**TRBLE:** trouble

**TT:** that

**TU:** thank you

**TX:** transmitter

**U:** you

**UR:** your

**URS:** yours

**Vert:** vertical

**VY:** very

**WID:** with

**WKD:** worked

**WL:** will

**WPM:** words per minute

**WUD:** would

**WX:** weather

**XYL:** wife

**YL:** young lady

**YR:** year

**Z:** zulu or gmt time