

Procedural Signals (Prosigns) for Morse Code

*NOTE: BK is NOT a prosign, despite what you might see elsewhere.
It is NOT sent as one character, like the a prosign, rather it is sent as B K.*

CQ - Calling any station

AR - "+" over, end of message

K - go, invite any station to transmit

KN - "(" go only, invite a specific station to transmit

R - all received OK

AS - please stand by

SK - end of contact (sent before call)

CL - going off the air (clear)

Q Signals (or Q Abbreviations)

*Q Signals take the form of a question only
when each is followed by a question mark.*

QRG - Will you tell me my exact frequency (or that of ___)?
Your exact frequency (or that of ___) 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 can not receive you. Your signals are too weak.

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

QRL - Are you busy?
I am busy (or I am busy with ___). Please do not interfere.

QRM - Is my transmission being interfered with?
Your transmission is being interfered with ___.
(1. Nil 2. Slightly 3. Moderately 4. Severely 5. Extremely)

QRN - Are you troubled by static?

I am troubled by static ---. (1-5 as under QRM)

QRO - Shall I increase power?

Increase power.

QRP - Shall I decrease power?

Decrease power.

QRQ - Shall I send faster?

Send faster _____. (WPM)

QRS - Shall I send more slowly?

Send more slowly.

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 on ____ kHz?

Please inform ____ that I am calling on ____ kHz.

QRX - When will you call me again?

I will call you again at ____ hours (on ____ kHz).

QRY - What is my turn?

Your turn is numbered _____.

QRZ - Who is calling me?

You are being called by ____ (on ____ kHz).

QSA - What is the strength of my signals (or those of _____)?

The strength of your signals (or those of _____) 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.

QSK - Can you hear me in 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 I sent you, or some previous message?

Repeat the last message you sent me [or message(s) number(s) ____].

QSN - Did you hear me (or ____) on ____ kHz?

I did hear you (or ____) 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 ____.

QST - General call preceding a message addressed to all amateurs and ARRL members. This is in effect, "CQ ARRL".

QSU - Shall I send or reply on this frequency (or on ____ kHz)?

Send a series of Vs on this frequency (or on ____ kHz).

QSW - Will you send on this frequency (or on ____ kHz)?

I am going to send on this frequency (or on ____ kHz).

QSX - Will you listen to ____ on ____ kHz?

I am listening to ____ on ____ kHz.

QSY - Shall I change to to transmission on another frequency?

Change transmission to another frequency (or ____ kHz).

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 do not agree 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 (or for ____).

QTH - What is your location?

My location is ____.

QTR - What is the correct time?

The correct time is ____.