

Phonetic Alphabet and Number Pronunciation

Because many letters and numbers sound similar and many be difficult to understand if there is noise or interference, a standard phonetic alphabet is used when spelling words.

In casual on-air conversation we may say that we have a “one hundred” watt transmitter; but when specifying important information, numbers are usually given by saying each digit. For example the number 509 is given as “Fife Zero Niner” not “five hundred twenty nine.” Please note that the number 0 is “Zero” not “Oh.”

A	Alpha	N	November
B	Bravo	O	Oscar (“Os-cah”)
C	Charlie	P	Papa
D	Delta	Q	Quebec (“Ke-pec”)
E	Echo	R	Romeo
F	Foxtrot	S	Sierra
G	Golf	T	Tango
H	Hotel	U	Uniform
I	India	V	Victor
J	Juliet	W	Whiskey
K	Kilo	X	X-ray
L	Lima	Y	Yankee
M	Mike	Z	Zulu
1	“wun”	6	“six”
2	“two”	7	“seven”
3	“tree”	8	“ate”
4	“fow-er”	9	“nine-er”
5	“fife”	0	“zero” (<i>not</i> “oh”)
.	“period,” “decimal,” or “dot,” depending on context		
,	“comma”		
/	“stroke” or “slant bar” depending on where used		