

# The 'Q' Code

In the early days of radio, all communication was done via Morse Code, and because this was slow and tedious process a code was developed to allow operators to send a whole sentences with just three letters.

This code is called the 'Q' Code.

A question mark is added if asking a question. The 'Q' Code is still used today to aid clear communication.

QRA	Name of station
QRM	Radio interference (usually another station)
QRN	Electrical interference (atmospheric, static, motor)
QRO	Increase(d) power
QRP	Decrease(d) power
QRT	Closing down
QRX	Stand by (in general use but a bad translation)
QRZ	Anybody calling? Or Who is there?
QSB	Fading Signals
QSK	"Break-in" – VOX voice operated transmission
QSL	Contact acknowledgement – message card
QSM	Repeat last message
QSO	The contact – complete if signal reports given
QSP	Message for another station
QST	General call for all amateurs
QSY	Change(ing) to another frequency (of.....)
QTH	Location (place) of station
CQ	Calling any station
DX	Distance - overseas