

Morse Code

Morse Code was invented by Samuel Morse in 1844. That was long before Guglielmo Marconi invented the radio. At first, messages were sent between telegraph offices connected by long wires. Today Morse code is used to transmit and receive messages when voice communication is either not possible or very hard to read. Of course Morse code can be sent visually as well using a flashlight

When you first look at a Morse Code chart there seems to be little logic in the code. In fact, you'll find that the most commonly used letters are the ones that use the least number of dots or dashes.

To obtain an amateur radio licence, one must be able to send and receive Morse Code.

A	•—	H	••••	N	—•	T	—
B	—•••	I	••	O	— — —	U	••—
C	—•—•	J	•— — —	P	•— —•	V	•••—
D	—••	K	—•—	Q	— —•—	W	•— —
E	•	L	•—••	R	•—•	X	—••—
F	••—•	M	— —	S	•••	Y	—•— —
G	— —•					Z	— —••

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