

COMMON CW ABBREVIATIONS AND Q-CODES

CW abbreviations and Q codes are used to assist in making the sending of code quicker. They are short hand terms for commonly used words or phrases.

You may also here other abbreviations not listed, such a “fer” for “for” or “gud” for “good”

These abbreviations save a lot on the wrist and fingers

COMMON CW ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Use
<u>AR</u>	over
de	from or "this is"
ES	and
GM	good morning
K	go
<u>KN</u>	go only
NM	name
QTH	location
RPT	report
R	roger
<u>SK</u>	clear
tnx	thanks
UR	your, you are
73	best wishes

Q CODES

Q codes are primarily used in CW or RTTY. Though some are used in phone, such as QSL or QRT

A Q code with a question mark (?) asks a question. Without it answers or makes a statement.

COMMON Q CODES

QRA--What is the name of your station

QRG--What's my exact frequency

QRH--Does my frequency vary

QRI--How is my tone (1-3)

QRK--What is my signal intelligibility (1-5)

QRL--Are you busy

QRM--Is my transmission being interfered with

QRN--Are you troubled by static

QRO--Shall I increase transmitter power

QRP--Shall I decrease transmitter power

QRQ--Shall I send faster

QRS--Shall I send slower
QRT--Shall I stop sending
QRU--Have you anything for me (Answer in negative)
QRV--Are you ready
QRW--Shall I tell _____ you're calling him
QRX--When will you call again
QRZ--Who is calling me
QSA--What is my signal strength (1-5)
QSB--Are my signals fading
QSD--Is my keying defective
QSG--Shall I send _____ messages at a time
QSK--Can you work breakin
QSL--Can you acknowledge receipt
QSM--Shall I repeat the last message sent
QSO--Can you communicate with _____ direct
QSP--Will you relay to _____
QST--General call preceding a message addressed to all amateurs and ARRL members
QSV--Shall I send a series of V's
QSW--Will you transmit on _____
QSX--Will you listen for _____ on _____
QSY--Shall I change frequency
QSZ--Shall I send each word/group more than once (Answer, send twice or _____)
QTA--Shall I cancel number _____
QTB--Do you agree with my word count (Answer negative)
QTC--How many messages have you to send
QTH--What is your location
QTR--What is your time
QTV--Shall I stand guard for you _____
QTX--Will you keep your station open for further communication with me
QUA--Have you news of _____