

## CW Abbreviations

AA	All after (used after question mark to request a repetition)
AB	All before (similarly)
ARRL	American Radio Relay League
ABT	About
ADR	Address
AGN	Again
ANR	Another
ANT	Antenna
ARND	Around
AS	Wait
BCI	Broadcast interference
BCNU	Be seeing you
BK	Break (to pause transmission of a message, say)
BN	All between
BTR	Better
BTU	Back to you
BUG	Semiautomatic mechanical key
BURO	Bureau ( "Please send QSL card via my local/national QSL bureau")
B4	Before
C	Yes; correct
CBA	Callbook address
CFM	Confirm
CK	Check
CL	Clear (I am closing my station)
CLG . . .	Calling
CONDX	Conditions
COS	Because
CPI	Copy
CPY	Copy
CQ	Calling ... (calling all stations, any station)
CS	Callsign
CTL	Control
CUD	Could
CUL	See you later
CUZ	Because
CW	Continuous wave (i.e., radiotelegraph)
CX	Conditions
DE	From (or "this is")
DN	Down

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DR	Dear
DX	Distance (sometimes refers to long distance contact), foreign countries
EMRG	Emergency
ENUF	Enough
ES	And
FB	Fine business (Analogous to "good")
FER	For
FM	From
FREQ	Frequency
FWD	Forward
GA	Good afternoon or Go ahead (depending on context)
GE	Good evening
GG	Going
GL	Good luck
GM	Good morning
GN	Good night
GND	Ground (ground potential)
GUD	Good
GD	Good
GX	Ground
HEE	Humor intended or laughter - often repeated twice i.e. HEE HEE
HI	Humor intended or laughter
HR	Here, hear
HV	Have
HW	How; How copy
II	I say again
IMP	Impedance
K	Over
KN	Over; only the station named should respond (e.g. W7PTH DE W1AW KN)
LID	Poor operator
MH	Meters high (antenna height)
MILS	Milliamperes
MNI	Many
MSG	Message
N	No; nine
NIL	Nothing
NR	Number; Near
NW	Now

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NX	Noise; noisy
OB	Old boy
OC	Old chap
OK	Okay
OM	Old man (any male amateur radio operator is an OM regardless of age)
OO	Official observer
OP	Operator
OT	Old timer
OTC	Old timers club (ARRL-sponsored org. for radio amateurs first licensed 20 or more years ago)
OOTC	Old old timers club (org. for those whose first 2-way radio contact occurred 40+ years ago)
PLS	Please
PSE	Please
PWR	Power
PX	Prefix
QCWA	Quarter Century Wireless Association (org. for radio amateurs licensed for 25 or more years)
R	Are; received as transmitted (origin of "Roger"), or decimal point (depending on context)
RCVR	Receiver
RFI	Radio-frequency interference
RIG	Radio apparatus
RPT	Repeat or report (depending on context)
RPRT	Report
RST	Signal report format (Readability-Signal Strength-Tone)
RTTY	Radioteletype
RX	Receiver, radio
SAE	Self-addressed envelope
SASE	Self-addressed, stamped envelope
SED	Said
SEZ	Says
SFR	So far (proword)
SIG	Signal or signature
SIGS	Signals
SK	Out (prosign), end of contact
SK	Silent Key (a deceased radio amateur)
SKED	Schedule
SN	Soon

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SNR	Signal-to-noise ratio
SRI	Sorry
SSB	Single sideband
STN	Station
T	Zero
TEMP	Temperature
TFC	Traffic
TKS	Thanks
TMW	Tomorrow
TNX	Thanks
TRE	There
TT	That
TU	Thank you
TVI	Television interference
TX	Transmit, transmitter
TXRX	Transceiver, transmitter + receiver
TXT	Text
U	You
UFB	Ultra Fine business (Analogous to "very good")
UR	Your or You're (depending on context) Alt: YR
URS	Yours
VA	Alternative to SK Out (prosign), end of contact
VX	Voice; phone + French "Vieux" (Old Man as per English "OM")
VY	Very
W	Watts
WA	Word after
WB	Word before
WDS	Words
WID	With
WKD	Worked
WKG	Working
WL	Will
WUD	Would
WX	Weather
XCVR	Transceiver
XMTR T	ransmitter
XYL	Wife (ex-YL) (Extra Young Lady, i.e. wife)
YF	Wife

## CW Abbreviations

YL	Young lady (originally an unmarried female operator, now used for any female)
YR	Your or You're (depending on context) Alt: UR
Z	Zulu time i.e. UTC (GMT)
ZX	Zero beat
33	Used as a greeting between YLs (as half of an 88)
44	Hand shake, half of 88. Often used in Flora and Fauna connections
55	Wishing success (originates from German "Viele Punkte" -- Many dots/points)
72	Best Wishes QRP (Low Power) often used by low power station operators (5W or less)
73	Best regards
77	Long Live CW (Morse Code), wishing you many happy CW contacts
88	Love and kisses
99	Get lost!