

## **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  
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  
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  
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  
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  
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 Transmitter

XYL Wife (ex-YL) (Extra Young Lady, i.e. wife)

YF Wife

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!