

Q-Signals and Prosigns

Q-signals come from Morse Code shortcuts. Each Q-signal may take the form of a question or an answer/ statement, as noted below. Q-signals are commonly used with phone mode (voice) also. The most common Q-signals heard on VHF and UHF FM repeaters are **highlighted in blue**.

| Q Code | Question | Statement |
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| QRA | What is the name of your station? | The name of my station is _____. |
| QRG | What's my exact frequency? | Your exact frequency is _____. |
| QRH | Does my frequency vary? | Your frequency varies. |
| QRI | How is my transmission tone? (1-3) | The tone of your signal is _____ (1-3). |
| QRK | What is my signal intelligibility/readability? (1-5) | The readability of your signal is _____ (1-5). |
| QRL | Are you busy? | I am busy. Please stand by. |
| QRM | Is my transmission being interfered with? | I am being interfered with. |
| QRN | Are you troubled by static? | I am troubled by your static. |
| QRO | Shall I increase transmitter power? | Increase power. |
| QRP | Shall I decrease/reduce transmitter power? | Decrease/reduce power. |
| QRQ | Shall I send faster? | Send faster. |
| QRS | Shall I send slower? | Send slower. |
| QRT | Shall I stop sending? | Stop sending. |
| QRU | Have you anything for me? | I have nothing for you. |
| QRV | Are you ready? | I am ready. |
| QRW | Shall I tell _____ you're calling him? | Please inform _____ I am calling him. |
| QRX | When will you call again? | I will call again _____. |
| QRZ | Who is calling me? | You are being called by _____. |
| QSA | What is my signal strength? (1-5) | Your signal strength is _____ (1-5). |
| QSB | Are my signals fading? | Your signals are fading. |
| QSD | Is my keying defective? | Your keying is defective. |
| QSK | Can you hear me between your signals? | I can hear you between my signals. |

| Q Code | Question | Statement |
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| QSL | Can you acknowledge receipt? | I acknowledge receipt. |
| QSM | Shall I repeat the last message sent? | Repeat the last message. |
| QSO | Can you communicate with _____ direct? | I can communicate with _____ direct. |
| QSP | Will you relay to _____? | I will relay to _____. |
| QSV | Shall I send a series of V's? | Send a series of V's. |
| QSW | Will you transmit on _____ frequency? | I am going to transmit on _____ frequency. |
| QSX | Will you listen for _____ on _____ frequency? | I am listening for _____ on _____ frequency. |
| QSY | Shall I change frequency? | I am changing frequency. |
| QSZ | Shall I send each word/group more than once? | Send each word/group _____ times. |
| QTA | Shall I cancel message number _____? | Cancel message number _____. |
| QTB | Do you agree with my word count? | I disagree with your word count. |
| QTC | How many messages have you to send? | I have sent _____ messages. |
| QTH | What is your location? | My location is _____. |
| QTR | What is the correct time? | The correct time is _____. |
| QTV | Shall I stand guard for you _____? | Stand guard for me on _____ frequency. |
| QTX | Will you keep your station open for further communication with me? | I will keep my station open for further communication with you. |
| QUA | Have you news of _____? | I have news of _____. |

Prosigns or procedural signals are dot/dash sequences that do not represent text per se, but have a special meaning in a transmission: they are generally not copied down, they are a telegraphic form of control character.

| Prosign | Meaning | Nemonic |
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| <KN> | Listening for specific station(s) | |
| <CL> | Closing down (I am going off the air.) | CL ear |
| <AR> | End of a formal message. | All R eceived |
| <SK> | End of contact | Silent K ey |
| <BK> | Break (Back to you) | BreaK |
| <SOS> | Serious distress message | Save Our Ship |