

Common CW Abbreviations

73	Best Regards	GMT	Greenwich Mean Time (standard time used by hams)
88	Love & Kisses	GN	Good Night
A	Number 1	GND	Ground
ABT	About	GP	Ground Plane
AGN	Again	GUD	Good
ANT	Antenna	HAM	Amateur Radio Operator
AR	End of this transmission	HI HI	Laughter on CW
B4	Before	HNY	Happy New Year
BCNU	Be Seeing You	HPE	Hope
BK	Back or Break	HR	Here
BT	Dash (often used in place of period or comma)	HV	Have
BURO	QSL Bureau	HW, HW?	How, or How Do You Copy Me?
CL	Closing Station Down	II, II II II	Error
CLDY	Cloudy	K	Please Transmit
CLR	Clear	KN	Only the station I am working should transmit
CONDX	Conditions	KNW	Know
CONGRATS	Congratulations	LIL	Little
CPY	Copy	LID	Poor Operator Don't confuse with "SOLID"
CQ	General Call for a QSO (Contact)	LP	Log Periodic (type of directional antenna) or Long Path
CUZ	Because	LSB	Lower Sideband
DE	From (eg... W3AA de W3DF)	LW	Long Wire (type of antenna)
DSW	See You Again (Russian)	MGR	QSL Manager
DWN	Down	MNI, MANI	Many
DX	Long Distance Contact, or a Rare Station	MSG	Message
EL	Element (as in 3 EL Yagi)	MULT	Multiplier
ES	And	N	No or the number 9. (599 IS 5NN IN MORSE)
FB	Fine Business (jargon for very good)	NIL	Nothing Heard or No Copy
FD	Field Day	NW	Now
FER	For	OM	Old Man (Ham jargon for an experienced operator)
FIST	Unique characteristic of an operator's sending of CW	OP	Operator, or Name
FONE	Phone (as in AM or SSB)	OPR	Operator or Operate
FM	From or Frequency Modulation	PSE	Please
FREQ	Frequency	PWR	Power
GA	Good Afternoon or Go Ahead	QRL	The frequency is busy Is the frequency busy?
GB	Good Bye	QRM	Your transmission is being interfered
GD	Good or Good Day		
GE	Good Evening		
GG	Going		
GL	Good luck		
GM	Good Morning		

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with	Is my transmission being interfered with?	STN	Station
QRN	I am troubled by static Are you troubled by static?	SWL	Short Wave Listner
QRO	Increase power. Should I increase power?	T	Short hand for the number Zero
QRP	Decrease power. Also a station using low power. Should I decrease power?	TEMP	Temperature
QRQ	Send faster Should I send faster?	TEST	Contest
QRS	Send slower Should I send slower?	TIL	Until
QRT	Stop transmitting Should I stop transmitting?	TKS	Thanks
QRU	I don't have anything more	TCVR	Transceiver
QRV	I am ready Are you ready?	TT	That
QRX	Wait as in QRX 1 (wait a minute)	TU	Thank You
QRZ	You are being called by ... Who is calling me? Also used to be sure frequency is clear before calling a CQ.	TX	Transmitter
QSB	Your signal is fading Is my signal fading?	TNX	Thanks
QSK	I can operate break-in Can you operate break-in?	U	You
QSL	I acknowledge receipt Do you acknowledge receipt?	UR	Your
QSO	I can communicate with ... Can you communicate with ...?	USB	Upper Sideband
QSY	I will change my transmit frequency Should I change my transmit frequency?	UTC	Universal Time Coordinated (same as GMT)
QTH	My location is ... What is your location?	VERT	Vertical Antenna
R, RR	Message Received or Correct, or Roger (affirmative)	VFO	Variable Frequency Oscillator
RCVR	Receiver	VY	Very
RIG	Equipment	W	Watts
RPRT or RPT	Report or Repeat	WID	With
RX	Receiver	WKD	Worked (Ham jargon for making a contact with a station)
SHUD	Should	WKG	Working
SIG	Signal	WPM	Words Per Minute (a measure of code speed)
SK	This is my last transmission	WRK	Work
SKED	Schedule	WUD	Would
SP	Short Path	WX	Weather
SRI	Sorry	XCVR	Transceiver
		XMTR	Transmitter
		XTAL	Crystal
		XYL	Wife
		YL	Young Lady
		Z	Zulu, GMT, or UTC Time (all the same)
		ZZ	Sleep