

Once you learn this alphabet you will wonder what you did without it. There is nothing as frustrating as trying to communicate something as simple as a postal code and listening to the other person say Dee as you say Bee. Imagine trying to spell your name for a ham at the other end of the radio link when there is static. You need a standard set of words that make it easy. Unfortunately not everyone uses the same phonetics but for the exam you need to know the ICAO phonetics.

The syllables that should be stressed are printed in bold capital letters. So in the word "Alfa", the first syllable "AL" is emphasized so it is pronounced AL-fah

## Standard or ICAO Phonetic Alphabet

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| <b>A</b> – Alfa ( <b>AL</b> fah)                | <b>N</b> - November (no <b>VEM</b> ber)   |
| <b>B</b> - Bravo ( <b>BRAH</b> voh)             | <b>O</b> - Oscar ( <b>OSS</b> car)        |
| <b>C</b> - Charlie ( <b>CHAR</b> lee)           | <b>P</b> - Papa (pah <b>PAH</b> )         |
| <b>D</b> - Delta ( <b>DELL</b> tah)             | <b>Q</b> - Quebec (keh <b>BECK</b> )      |
| <b>E</b> - Echo ( <b>ECK</b> oh)                | <b>R</b> - Romeo ( <b>ROW</b> me oh)      |
| <b>F</b> - Foxtrot ( <b>FOKS</b> TROT)          | <b>S</b> - Sierra (see <b>AIR</b> rah)    |
| <b>G</b> - Golf (golf)                          | <b>T</b> - Tango ( <b>TANG</b> go)        |
| <b>H</b> - Hotel (hoh <b>TELL</b> )             | <b>U</b> - Uniform ( <b>YOU</b> nee form) |
| <b>I</b> - India ( <b>IN</b> de ah)             | <b>V</b> - Victor ( <b>VIK</b> tah)       |
| <b>J</b> – Juliet ( <b>JOO</b> lee <b>ETT</b> ) | <b>W</b> - Whisky ( <b>WISS</b> key)      |
| <b>K</b> - Kilo ( <b>KEY</b> loh)               | <b>X</b> - X-ray ( <b>ECKS</b> ray)       |
| <b>L</b> - Lima ( <b>LEE</b> mah)               | <b>Y</b> - Yankee ( <b>YANG</b> key)      |
| <b>M</b> - Mike (mike)                          | <b>Z</b> - Zulu ( <b>ZOO</b> loo)         |

Syllable to be emphasized is in **bold** font.

**0 - ZEE-ROW**

**1 - WUN**

**2 - TOO**

**3 - TREE**

**4 - FOE-wer**

**5 - FIFE**

**6 - Six**

**7 - SEV-ven**

**8 - ATE**

**9 - NINE - er**

**Decimal – DAY SEE MAL**

**Hundred – HUN dred**

**Thousand -TAO SAND**

On your commute to and from work you can practice while stopped at a red light. Use the phonetics to spell aloud the license plate of the vehicle in front of you, or the make and model of the vehicle, or the sign on the truck beside you, or the sign on a nearby store, or .....