

Special Q Signals for CW Net Use

QNA†	Answer in prearranged order.
QNB†	Act as relay Between . . . and . . .
QNC	All net stations Copy.
QND†	Net is Directed.
QNE†	Entire net please stand by.
QNF	Net is Free.
QNG	Take over as net control station.
QNH	Your net frequency is High.
QNI	Report / into net or I report into net.
QNJ	Can you copy . . . ?
QNK†	Transmit message(s) (for . . .) to . . .
QNL	Your net frequency is Low.
QNM†	You are QRMing the net. Please stand by.
QNN	Who is net control station? Net control station is . . .
QNO	Station is leaving the net.
QNP	Unable to copy you (or . . .).
QNQ†	Move frequency to . . . and wait for . . . to finish handling traffic. Then send him traffic for . . .
QNR†	Answer . . . and Receive) traffic.
QNS†	Following Stations in net . . .
QNT	I request permission to leave the net for . . . minutes.
QNU†	The net has traffic for YOU; await instructions.
QNV†	Establish contact with . . . on this frequency. If successful, move to . . . kHz, and send him traffic for . . .
QNW	How do I route messages for . . . ?
QNX†	You are excused from net or I request to be excused.
QNY†	Please shift to another frequency (or to . . . kHz) to clear traffic with . . .
QNZ	Zero beat your signal with mine.

†for use only by the Net Control Station.

Affirmation		Interrogation	
QRG	Your exact frequency is . . .	QRG	What is my exact frequency?
QRH	Your frequency varies.	QRH	Does my frequency vary?
QRI	The tone of your signal is:	QRI	How is the tone of my signal?
	1. Good		
	2. Variable		
	3. Bad		
QRJ	I cannot receive you.	QRJ	Are you receiving me badly?
	Your signals are too weak.		Are my signals weak?

QRK	The intelligibility of your signal is:	QRK	What is the intelligibility of my signal?
	1. Bad		
	2. Poor		
	3. Fair		
	4. Good		
	5. Excellent		
QRL	I am busy.	QRL	Are you busy?
QRM	I am being interfered with by other stations.	QRM	Are you being interfered with by other stations?
QRN	I am troubled by static.	QRN	Are you troubled by static?
QRO	Increase your power.	QRO	Shall I increase my power?
QRP	Decrease your power.	QRP	Shall I decrease my power?
QRQ	Send faster, at . . . WPM.	QRQ	Shall I send faster?
QRS	Send slower, at . . . WPM.	QRS	Shall I send slower?
QRT	Stop sending.	QRT	Shall I stop sending?
QRU	I have nothing for you.	QRU	Do you have anything for me?
QRV	I am ready.	QRV	Are you ready?
QRW	Tell . . . that I am calling him on . . . (frequency).	QRW	Shall I tell . . . that you are calling him on . . . (frequency)?
QRX	I will call you again at . . . hours (on . . . (frequency)).	QRX	When will you call me again?
QRZ	You are being called by . . .	QRZ	Who is calling me?
QSA	The strength of your signal is:	QSA	What is the strength of my signal?
	1. Scarcely perceptible		
	2. Weak		
	3. Fairly good		
	4. Good		
	5. Very good		
QSB	Your signal is fading.	QSB	Is my signal fading?
QSD	Your keying is defective.	QSD	Is my keying defective?
QSK	I can hear you between my signals.	QSK	Can you hear me between your signals?
QSL	I acknowledge receipt.	QSL	Do you acknowledge receipt?
QSO	I can communicate with . . . direct (or by relay through . . .).	QSO	Can you communicate with . . . direct or by relay?
QSW	I am going to send on this frequency.	QSW	Will you send on this frequency?
	Or,		Or,
	I am going to send on . . . (frequency).		Will you send on . . . (frequency)?

QSY	I am listening to . . . on . . . (frequency). Change to transmission on another frequency.	Will you listen to . . . on . . . (frequency)? Shall I change to trans- mission on another frequency?
QSZ	Or, Change to transmission on . . . (frequency). Send each word or group twice. Or, Send each word or group . . . times. My location is . . . The correct time is . . . hours.	Or, Shall I change to trans- mission on . . . (frequency)? Shall I send each word or group twice? Or, Shall I send each word or group . . . times? What is your location? What is the correct time?
QTH		
QTR		
QTV	Stand by on . . . (frequency) from . . . to . . . hours.	Shall I stand by for you on . . . (frequency) from . . . to . . . hours?
QTX	I will keep my station open for further commun- ication with you until further notice. Or, I will keep my station open for further commun- ication with you until . . . hours.	Will you keep your station open for further communication with me until further notice? Or, Will you keep your station open for further communication with me until . . . hours?

Many other Q signals exist. While not usually used by amateurs, they are listed here to provide a reference source in case you should encounter unfamiliar ones. Incidentally, don't let these lists frighten you. The average amateur makes use of a dozen or fewer Q signals. You'll easily pick up those commonly in use after listening to on-the-air QSOs.

		<i>Affirmation</i>		<i>Interrogation</i>	
QAV		I am calling . . .		Are you calling me?	
QCM		There seems to be a defect in your transmission.		Is there a defect in my transmission?	
QDH		The present interference is being caused by . . .		What is causing the present interference?	
QIF		. . . (station) is using . . . (frequency).		What frequency is . . . (station) using?	
QRA		The name of my station is . . .		What is the name of your station?	
QRB		I am about . . . from your station.		How far are you from my station?	
QRD		I am going to . . . and I am from . . .		Where are you going and where are you from?	
QRR		I am ready for automatic operation. Send at . . . WPM.		Are you ready for automatic operation?	
QRY		Your turn is number . . .		What is my turn?	
QSG		Send . . . telegrams now.		Shall I send . . . telegrams now?	
QSJ		The charge to be collected per word to . . . including my internal telegraph charge is . . .		What is the charge to be collected per word to . . . including your internal telegraph charge?	
QSM		Repeat the last telegram that you sent.		Shall I repeat the last telegram I sent?	
QSN		I heard you on . . . (frequency).		Did you hear me on . . . (frequency)?	
		Or, I heard . . . on . . . (frequency).		Or, Did you hear . . . on . . . (frequency)?	
QSP		I will relay to . . . free of charge		Can you relay to . . . free of charge?	
QSQ		I have a doctor on board.		Do you have a doctor on board?	
		Or, I have . . . on board.		Or, Do you have . . . on board?	
QSU		Send or reply on this frequency.		Shall I send or reply on this frequency?	
		Or, Send or reply on . . . (frequency).		Or, Shall I send or reply on . . . (frequency)?	
QSV		Send a series of Vs on this frequency.		Shall I send a series of Vs on this frequency?	
		Or, Send a series of Vs on . . . (frequency).		Or, Shall I send a series of Vs on . . . (frequency)?	
QTA		Cancel telegram number . . . as if it had not been sent.		Shall I cancel telegram number . . . as if it had not been sent?	
QTB		I do not agree with your count of words. I will repeat the first letter or digit of each word or group.		Do you agree with my word count?	
QTC		I have . . . telegrams for you.		How many telegrams do you have to send?	
		Or, I have . . . telegrams for . . .			
QTE		Your TRUE bearing from me is . . . degrees (at . . . hours).		What is my TRUE bearing from you?	
		Or, Your TRUE bearing from . . . was . . . degrees (at . . . hours).		Or, What is my TRUE bearing from . . . ?	
		Or, The TRUE bearing of . . . was . . . degrees (at . . . hours).		Or, What is the TRUE bearing of . . . from . . . (call sign)?	
QTG		I am going to send two dashes of ten seconds each followed by my call sign (repeated . . . times) (on . . . (frequency)).		Will you send two dashes of ten seconds each followed by your call sign (repeated . . . times) (on . . . (frequency))?	
		Or, . . .		Or, . . .	

	<i>Affirmation</i>	<i>Interrogation</i>
	I have requested...to send two dashes of ten seconds each followed by his call sign (repeated...times) (on...(frequency))?	Will you ask...to send two dashes of ten seconds each followed by his call sign (repeated...times) (on...(frequency))?
QTI	My TRUE track is...	What is your TRUE track?
QTJ	My speed is...	What is your speed?
QTL	My TRUE heading is... degrees.	What is your TRUE heading?
QTN	I departed from...at... hours.	When did you depart from...?
QTO	I have left port. Or, I am airborne. I am going to enter port.	Have you left port? Or, Are you airborne? Are you going to enter port?
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