

EmComm EC1

General Amateur Radio Operating Hints

Words and phrases to avoid in Amateur Radio phone (voice) communications:

Don't use:

I've destinated

Roger that or Roge-o

On the side / Standing by

Channel

Back it on out

In the mo-bile

Radio check

How am I making the trip

Skip

Instead use:

I'm at my destination

Roger or Affirmative or OK

Listening or Monitoring

Frequency

Sign with you, or I'll be clear on your final

Mobile or Portable

Signal report

How is my signal

Propagation

Note:

Generally in voice communications "plain language" is the rule. There are a few pro-signs however that are in common use on phone and are generally accepted:

CQ- (Seek you) Calling any station. Used when making SSB contacts on HF

73- best regards (ex: OK I'll talk to you later, Bill. 73, N1ESB.)

88- love and kisses

QTH- location (ex: What is your QTH? or I'm just leaving my home QTH)

QSY- change frequency (ex: Let's QSY to 146.730 repeater...)

QSL- roger or affirmative (ex: QSL, I have the items and I'm en-route to your QTH.)

QRT- off the air (ex: OK I'll talk to you tomorrow, Bill. 73, N1ESB QRT.)

QRP- low power (ex: I'm running 300mw QRP; How's my signal into the repeater?)

QRM- interference (ex: There's a lot of QRM, I'm having trouble copying you.)

QRN- static (ex: There's a lot of QRN on your signal.)

QSB- signal fading

YL- (young lady) girlfriend

XYL- (ex young lady) wife

OM- (old man) friend (ex: good to hear you again OM)

Hi or Hi Hi- telegraph equivalent of a laugh