

QSO Session Cheat Sheet

BEFORE QSO - Readiness Checklist: LISTEN-SPLIT-RIT-DIT-QRL?

QRL	DDdD-dDd-dDdd	"Is the FREQUENCY IN USE?" - QRL? ALWAYS CHECK BEFORE TRANSMITTING!
VVV	dddD-dddD-dddD	"TEST" A "String of Vs"
QRZ	DDdD-dDd-DDdd	"WHO IS CALLING?" Usually with "?" See <IMI>
CL	DdDd-dDdd	CLEAR Releasing the freq. after use – even w/o QSO

STARTING QSO - Initial Contact, Identification, and Signal Reports

CQ	DdDd-DDdD	"Seeking You" Call to ANYONE but can be directed
DE	Ddd-d	"This is..." [followed by CALL]
RST	dDd-ddd-D	Signal Report Readability-Strength-Tone 599 (5NN)
NIL	Dd-dd-dDdd	Nothing Heard in response to call or CQ

DURING QSO - Turnovers, Standby (wait), and Errors

HW?	dddd-dDD-ddDDdd	How Copy the previous info sent? Precedes "over"
K	DdD	Over to you (usually after IDs)
<KN>	DdD-Dd	Over – same as preceding, but NO BREAKERS please
BK	Dddd-DdD	Over without IDs – "Break" USA has 10-minute rule on ID)
<BT>	Ddddd	Wait - a breath – like ENTER between paragraphs and thoughts. Also "=" on keyboard
HI	dddd-dd	Wait (LAUGH :-) Often sent more than once.
<AS>	dDddd	Wait (like being on hold a few seconds)
QRX	DDdD-dDd-Dddd	Wait "QRX n" (longer – stepping away for "n" minutes)
<HH>	ddddddd	Error (Standard Morse Code)
<IMI>	ddDDdd	Error - a Question mark in lieu of <HH> saves time
E E E	d d d	Error – Oops A few dits get back onboard the dit train

END OF QSO - Signing Off Salutations and Closing Protocols

73	DDddd-dddDD	Goodbye ("Best wishes")
88	DDDdd-DDDdd	Goodbye (with a hug) ("Love and kisses")
<AR>	dDdDd	End of this message
<SK>	dddDdD	End of work. End of all transmissions. End of QSO
TU	D-ddD	Thank You. Also "To you" (a tip of the hat)
EE	d d	A "fist bump" at the VERY end

AFTER QSO - Station shutdown

QRT	DDdD-dDd-D	OFF THE AIR. Shutting down.
CL	DdDd-dDdd	CLEAR Release the freq. after CQ, QSO, or any transmission

<Brackets> mean: "Send like these letters with no spaces between them."