

## INTERNATIONAL Q SIGNALS

A Q signal followed by a ? asks a question. A Q signal without the ? answers the question, unless otherwise indicated. Those most commonly heard on voice contacts are marked with \*. Examples of voice use for these are given. For Morse code, signals are used without any unnecessary words.

- \* **CQ** Not really a Q signal. Means wanting to talk to another station.  
Example: “CQ CQ CQ KC5OUR KC5OUR” means KC5OUR wants to talk to any station.
- QRA** What is the name of your station?
- QRG** What's my exact frequency?
- QRH** Does my frequency vary?
- QRI** How is my tone? (1-3)
- QRK** What is my signal intelligibility? (1-5)
- QRL** Are you busy?
- \* **QRM** Is my transmission being interfered with?  
Your transmission is being interfered with. Example: “You are 57 with QRM.”
- \* **QRN** Are you troubled by static?  
I'm having trouble with static. Example: “QRN is making it hard to understand you.”
- QRO** Shall I increase transmitter power?
- \* **QRP** Shall I decrease transmitter power?  
I'm running low power (usually 5 watts or less). Example: “I'm QRP.”
- QRQ** Shall I send faster?
- QRS** Shall I send slower?
- QRT** Shall I stop sending?
- QRU** Have you anything for me? (Answer in negative)
- QRV** Are you ready?
- QRW** Shall I tell \_\_\_\_\_ you're calling him?
- QRX** When will you call again?
- \* **QRZ** Who is calling me?  
Usually said “Q R Zed.” Example: “KC5OUR Q R Zed.”
- QSA** What is my signal strength? (1-5)
- QSB** Are my signals fading?
- QSD** Is my keying defective?
- QSG** Shall I send \_\_\_\_\_ messages at a time?
- QSK** Can you work breakin?
- \* **QSL** Can you acknowledge receipt?  
I acknowledge receipt of your last information. Example: “QSL your 55.”
- QSM** Shall I repeat the last message sent?
- \* **QSO** Can you communicate with \_\_\_\_\_ direct?  
Our radio contact. Example: “Thanks for the QSO.”
- QSP** Will you relay to \_\_\_\_\_?
- QSV** Shall I send a series of V's?
- QSW** Will you transmit on \_\_\_\_\_?
- QSX** Will you listen for \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_?
- \* **QSY** Shall I change frequency?  
I am changing or leaving this frequency. Example: “KC5OUR QSY.”
- QSZ** Shall I send each word/group more than once? (Answer, send twice or \_\_\_\_\_)
- QTA** Shall I cancel number \_\_\_\_\_?
- QTB** Do you agree with my word count? (Answer negative)
- QTC** How many messages have you to send?
- \* **QTH** What is your location?  
My QTH is \_\_\_\_\_. Example: “QTH here is Los Chavez, New Mexico.”
- QTR** What is your time?
- QTV** Shall I stand guard for you \_\_\_\_\_?
- QTX** Will you keep your station open for further communication with me?
- QUA** Have you news of \_\_\_\_\_?