

PROWORD: "I Spell"

Spelling Difficult Words or Names

In order to spell difficult names or words on a net, please follow this procedure:

- Pronounce the name or word
- Say "***I Spell***"
- Spell the word phonetically using the ITU Phonetic Alphabet
- Pronounce the name again
- Continue with the rest of the message

For example, let's say you are transmitting the name "Griffith":

"Griffith, I Spell, Gulf, Romeo, India, Foxtrot, Foxtrot, India, Tango, Hotel, Griffith"

Do not rush through the process of spelling the name phonetically. Also while it is possible to spell the name without a phonetic alphabet, particularly on a VHF-FM net, we recommend the above procedure be used at all times, especially for the training value.

Consider this: Say the letters "B, D, E, C, G" quickly. You will note that they sound very much alike! Consider these similarities on a SSB net under poor conditions! The value of the phonetic spelling method becomes obvious.

Practice "***I Spell***" words:

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| 1. Gregory | 10. Studebaker |
| 2. Claudia | 11. Rhinoceros |
| 3. Melody | 12. Glipizide |
| 4. Jonathon | 13. Minerals |
| 5. Sarah | 14. Resonate |
| 6. Webster | 15. Winston |
| 7. Oscar | 16. Necessary |
| 8. Romania | 17. Preparedness |
| 9. Grecian | 18. Guidelines |

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