

Morse Code

The popular view of Morse code (aka CW, Continuous Wave) as a collection of dots and dashes is the first thing one must forget when trying to learn morse code! For this reason, you will not find the usual table of letters and their corresponding dot/dash equivalents. What you will see is a table of the letters and their *sound* equivalents.

It is far better to learn to associate a letter with a sound from the beginning, rather than trying to translate the sound into a letter via dots and dashes. The table below shows the sounds for the letters, numbers, punctuation and some of the common procedural signals often used in amateur radio contacts.

The Letters of the alphabet

A	di-dah	N	dah-dit
B	dah-di-di-dit	O	dah-dah-dah
C	dah-di-dah-dit	P	di-dah-dah-dit
D	dah-di-dit	Q	dah-dah-di-dah
E	dit	R	di-dah-dit
F	di-di-dah-dit	S	di-di-dit
G	dah-dah-dit	T	dah
H	di-di-di-dit	U	di-dit-dah
I	di-dit	V	di-di-di-dah
J	di-dah-dah-dah	W	di-dah-dah
K	dah-di-dah	X	dah-di-di-dah
L	di-dah-di-dit	Y	dah-di-dah-dah
M	dah-dah	Z	dah-dah-di-dit

The Numbers

1	di-dah-dah-dah-dah	6	dah-di-di-di-dit
2	di-di-dah-dah-dah	7	dah-dah-di-di-dit
3	di-di-di-dah-dah	8	dah-dah-dah-di-dit
4	di-di-di-di-dah	9	dah-dah-dah-dah-dit
5	di-di-di-di-dit	0	dah-dah-dah-dah-dah

Punctuation

Question Mark	di-di-dah-dah-di-dit
Full Stop (Period)	di-dah-di-dah-di-dah
Comma	dah-dah-di-di-dah-dah

Procedural Signals

Stroke (/)	dah-di-di-dah-dit
Break Sign (= or BT)	dah-di-di-di-dah
End of Message (+ or AR)	di-dah-di-dah-dit
End of Work (SK)	di-di-di-dah-di-dah
Error	di-di-di-di-di-di-di-dit
Wait (AS)	di-dah-di-di-dit
Open invitation to transmit (K)	dah-di-dah
Invitation to named station (KN)	dah-di-dah-dah-dit
Closing Station (CL)	dah-di-dah-di-di-dah-di-dit