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These Q signals most often need to be expressed with brevity and clarity in amateur work. (Q abbreviations take the form of questions only when each is sent followed by a question mark.)

QRA What is the name of your station? The name of your station is _____.

QRG Will you tell me my exact frequency (or that of _____)? Your exact frequency (or that of _____) is _____ kHz.

QRH Does my frequency vary? Your frequency varies.

QRI How is the tone of my transmission? The tone of your transmission is _____ (1. Good; 2. Variable; 3. Bad).

QRJ Are you receiving me badly? I cannot receive you. Your signals are too weak.

QRK What is the intelligibility of my signals (or those of _____)? The intelligibility of your signals (or those of _____) is _____ (1. Bad; 2. Poor; 3. Fair; 4. Good; 5. Excellent).

QRL Are you busy? I am busy (or I am busy with _____). Please do not interfere.

QRM Is my transmission being interfered with? Your transmission is being interfered with (1. Nil; 2. Slightly; 3. Moderately; 4. Severely; 5. Extremely.)

QRN Are you troubled by static? I am troubled by static _____ (1-5 as under QRM).

QRO Shall I increase power? Increase power.

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- QRP Shall I decrease power? Decrease power.
- QRQ Shall I send faster? Send faster (____ WPM).
- QRS Shall I send more slowly? Send more slowly (____ WPM).
- QRT Shall I stop sending? Stop sending.
- QRU Have you anything for me? I have nothing for you.
- QRV Are you ready? I am ready.
- QRW Shall I inform ____ that you are calling on ____ kHz? Please inform ____ that I am calling on ____ kHz.
- QRX When will you call me again? I will call you again at ____ hours (on ____ kHz).
- QRY What is my turn? Your turn is numbered ____
- QRZ Who is calling me? You are being called by ____ (on ____ kHz).
- QSA What is the strength of my signals (or those of ____)? The strength of your signals (or those of ____) is ____ (1. Scarcely perceptible; 2. Weak; 3. Fairly good; 4. Good; 5. Very good).
- QSB Are my signals fading? Your signals are fading.
- QSD Is my keying defective? Your keying is defective.
- QSG Shall I send ____ messages at a time? Send ____ messages at a time.
- QSK Can you hear me between your signals and if so can I break in on your transmission? I can hear you between my signals; break in on my transmission.

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QSL Can you acknowledge receipt? I am acknowledging receipt.

QSM Shall I repeat the last message which I sent you, or some previous message? Repeat the last message which you sent me [or message(s) number(s) ____].

QSN Did you hear me (or ____) on ____ kHz? I did hear you (or ____) on ____ kHz.

QSO Can you communicate with ____ direct or by relay? I can communicate with ____ direct (or by relay through ____).

QSP Will you relay to ____? I will relay to ____

QST General call preceding a message addressed to all amateurs and ARRL members. This is in effect "CQ ARRL."

QSU Shall I send or reply on this frequency (or on ____ kHz)? Send or reply on this frequency (or ____ kHz).

QSV Shall I send a series of Vs on this frequency (or on ____ kHz)? Send a series of Vs on this frequency (or on ____ kHz).

QSW Will you send on this frequency (or on ____ kHz)? I am going to send on this frequency (or on ____ kHz).

QSX Will you listen to ____ on ____ kHz? I am listening to ____ on ____ kHz.

QSY Shall I change to transmission on another frequency? Change to transmission on another frequency (or on ____ kHz).

QSZ Shall I send each word or group more than once? Send each word or group

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twice (or ____ times).

QTA Shall I cancel message number ____? Cancel message number ____

QTB Do you agree with my counting of words? I do not agree with your counting of words. I will repeat the first letter or digit of each word or group.

QTC How many messages have you to send? I have ____ messages for you (or for ____).

QTH What is your location? My location is ____

QTR What is the correct time? The correct time is ____

QTV Shall I stand guard for you? Stand guard for me.

QTX Will you keep your station open for further communication with me? Keep your station open for me.

QUA Have you news of ____? I have news of ____.

ARRL QN Signals

QNA* Answer in prearranged order.

QNB Act as relay between ____ and ____.

QNC All net stations copy. I have a message for all net stations.

QND* Net is Directed (Controlled by net control station.)

QNE* Entire net stand by.

QNF Net is Free (not controlled).

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- QNG Take over as net control station
- QNH Your net frequency is High.
- QNI Net stations report in. I am reporting into the net. (Follow with a list of traffic or QRU.)
- QNJ Can you copy me?
- QNK* Transmit messages for _____ to _____.
- QNL Your net frequency is Low.
- QNM* You are QRMing the net. Stand by.
- QNN Net control station is _____. What station has net control?
- QNO Station is leaving the net.
- QNP Unable to copy you. Unable to copy _____.
- QNQ* Move frequency to _____ and wait for _____ to finish handling traffic. Then send him traffic for _____.
- QNR* Answer _____ and Receive traffic.
- QNS Following Stations are in the net.* (follow with list.) Request list of stations in the net.
- QNT I request permission to leave the net for _____ minutes.
- QNU* The net has traffic for you. Stand by.

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QNV* Establish contact with _____ on this frequency. If successful, move to _____ and send him traffic for _____.

QNW How do I route messages for _____?

QNX You are excused from the net.*

QNY* Shift to another frequency (or to _____ kHz) to clear traffic with _____.

QNZ Zero beat your signal with mine.

*For use only by the Net Control Station.

Notes on Use of QN Signals

These QN signals are special ARRL signals for use in amateur CW nets only. They are not for use in casual amateur conversation. Other meanings that may be used in other services do not apply. Do not use QN signals on phone nets. Say it with words. QN signals need not be followed by a question mark, even though the meaning may be interrogatory.