

ITU phonetics with the correct pronunciation:

A--Alfa	“AL-FAH”
B--Bravo	“BRAH-VOH”
C--Charlie	“CHAR-LEE” or “SHAR-LEE”
D--Delta	“DELL-TAH”
E--Echo	“ECK-OH”
F--Foxtrot	“FOKS-TROT”
G--Golf	“GOLF”
H--Hotel	“HOH-TELL”
I--India	“IN-DEE-AH”
J--Juliet	“JEW-LEE-ETT”
K--Kilo	“KEE-LOH”
L--Lima	“LEE-MAH”
M--Mike	“MIKE”
N--November	“NO-VEM-BER”
O--Oscar	“OSS-CAH”
P-- Papa	“PAH-PAH”
Q--Quebec	“KEH-BECK”
R--Romeo	“ROW-ME-OH”
S--Sierra	“SEE-AIR-RAH”
T--Tango	“TANG-GO”
U--Uniform	“YOU-NEE-FORM” or “OO-NEE-FORM”
V--Victor	“VIK-TAH”
W--Whiskey	“WISS-KEY”
X--X-ray	“ECKS-RAY”
Y--Yankee	“YANG-KEY”
Z--Zulu	“ZOO-LOO”

Numbers pronunciation:

0	- “ZEE-RO”
1	- “WUN”
2	- “TOO”
3	- “TH-UH-REE” or “TREE”
4	- “FOW-ER”
5	- “FI-IV” or “FIFE”
6	- “SIX”
7	- “SEV-EN”
8	- “ATE” or “A-IT”
9	- “NIN-ER”

DECIMAL = “DAY-SEE-MAL”

ANOMALIES and IDIOSYNCRASIES:

1 - To distinguish “Z” from “C” on phone, it is common practice to say “zed” (an old British phonetic) for “Z”, especially when saying a call sign. “Zed” is shorter (one syllable vs. two for “zulu”.) However, in formal traffic, the ITU: “ZULU” is more correct and proper.

2 - “ROGER” (an early phonetic) is still used for “received” (equivalent of sending “R” in Morse) - It does NOT mean “yes” or “affirmative”. It only means: “I have received your message completely.”