

MISCOMMUNICATION CODE WORDS

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Many letters have sound-alike names, for example "b" and "p"; radio operators use communication code words such as BRAVO and PETER to avoid confusing these letters. A committee of logologists got together to try to submit a more interesting list of code words, drawing only on words from Webster's Third. Here is the list they produced (B, N, R and S need better examples):

A as in isle (aisle)
 B as in dell (bdell-) [avoid combining form]
 C as in teen (ctene)
 D as in gin (djinn)
 E as in air (ere)
 F as in phrase (frays)
 G as in new (gnu)
 H as in air (heir)
 I as in use (ius)
 J as in yuca (juca)
 K as in need (knead)
 L as in yareta (llareta)
 M as in nemic (mnemic)
 N as in dam (damn) [need a word starting with "n"]
 O as in wed (oued)
 P as in salmon (psammon)
 Q as in key (quay)
 R as in foxhole (forecastle) [this needs work]
 S as in eyelet (islet) [need a word starting with "s"]
 T as in sign (tsine)
 U as in wang (uang)
 V as in fro (vrow)
 W as in rest (wrest)
 X as in jural (xural)
 Y as in the (ye)
 Z as in sabra (zabra)