



# The Aviation Alphabet

In the airport world, pilots and air traffic controllers use a special alphabet to communicate with each other over the radio. It is called a phonetic alphabet, where words are used instead of letters to avoid any miscommunication. These names are also used to identify taxiways (roads for airplanes) and aircraft call signs.

<b>A</b> = Alpha	<b>H</b> = Hotel	<b>O</b> = Oscar	<b>V</b> = Victor
<b>B</b> = Bravo	<b>I</b> = India	<b>P</b> = Papa	<b>W</b> = Whiskey
<b>C</b> = Charlie	<b>J</b> = Juliet	<b>Q</b> = Quebec	<b>X</b> = X-Ray
<b>D</b> = Delta	<b>K</b> = Kilo	<b>R</b> = Romeo	<b>Y</b> = Yankee
<b>E</b> = Echo	<b>L</b> = Lima	<b>S</b> = Sierra	<b>Z</b> = Zulu
<b>F</b> = Foxtrot	<b>M</b> = Mike	<b>T</b> = Tango	
<b>G</b> = Golf	<b>N</b> = November	<b>U</b> = Uniform	

Here's some examples of how the phonetic alphabet would be used between ATC and a pilot:

**Pilot:**

"New Orleans Ground, Moisant Air 235 Alpha Bravo has cleared Runway 10 and would like to taxi to the ramp."

**Air Traffic Control:**

Moisant Air 235 Alpha Bravo, Taxi via Taxiway Foxtrot and Echo to the ramp."

**Pilot:**

Roger New Orleans Ground, Taxi via Taxiway Foxtrot and Echo to the ramp."

