

Structure of a radio call

A standard radio call usually consists of the following:

- Who do you want to talk to? (Recipient's callsign)
- Who is calling? (Your callsign)
- Brief message in standardized phrasing (What you want)

Example: Magic, Phobator 2-1, request picture.

Keep the message as **short** and **clear** as possible. As long as you talk on the radio, no one else can (does not really apply to MIDS, but in order to not overlap with someone else's call you should still keep it short).

And remember: If you don't understand all phrase or a call in general, **always ask**. If necessary, plain language is also totally acceptable in order to ensure a safe flight environment.

Procedures and certain phrasing **may vary** depending on where you are. Navy, Air Force, Civilian Airports and even different regions may use different wording or structure in their radio calls. Just make sure to inform yourself about local variations.

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