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## Sampling of the Phillips Code

The Phillips Code is a telegraphic shorthand devised in 1879 by Walter P. Phillips, an expert press telegrapher and later head of United Press.

The code has been revised several times. Most of these examples are from the 1923 edition, edited by E.E. Bruckner and published by *Telegraph & Telephone Age*, 253 Broadway, New York City.

<p><b>A</b></p> <p>AB.....ABOUT</p> <p>ACG.....ACCORDING</p> <p>ADS.....ADDRESS</p> <p>AFN.....AFTERNOON</p> <p>AJM.....ADJUSTMENT</p> <p>ANR.....ANOTHER</p> <p>APC.....APPRECIATE</p> <p>AVB.....AVAILABLE</p> <p>AYB.....ANYBODY</p> <p>AYG.....ANYTHING</p> <p>AY.....ANY</p> <p><b>B</b></p> <p>B.....BE</p> <p>BF.....BEFORE</p> <p>BFL.....BEAUTIFUL</p> <p>BFT.....BREAKFAST</p> <p>BH.....BOTH</p> <p>BKN.....BROKEN</p> <p>BLDG.....BUILDING</p> <p>BN.....BEEN</p> <p>BS.....BEST</p> <p>BTN.....BETWEEN</p> <p>BTR.....BETTER</p> <p>BV.....BELIEVE</p> <p>BZ.....BUSINESS</p> <p><b>C</b></p> <p>C.....SEE</p> <p>CA.....CAME</p> <p>CD.....COULD</p> <p>CDRY.....CONSIDERABLY</p> <p>CFUD.....CONFUSED</p> <p>CHC.....CHANCE</p> <p>CHN.....CHILDREN</p> <p>CK.....CHECK</p> <p>CM.....COME</p> <p>CNCD.....CONCERNED</p> <p>CPT.....COMPLETE</p> <p>CQN.....CORRECTION</p> <p>CQT.....CORRECT</p> <p>CQY.....CORRECTLY</p> <p>CY.....COPY</p> <p><b>D</b></p> <p>D.....IN THE, OR PENCE</p> <p>DA.....DAY</p> <p>DAU.....DAUGHTER</p> <p>DD.....DID</p> <p>DDNT.....DIDN'T</p>	<p>DFC.....DIFFERENCE</p> <p>DFI.....DIFFERENT</p> <p>DNR.....DINNER</p> <p>DQD.....DISCOVERED</p> <p>DT.....DON'T</p> <p><b>E</b></p> <p>EA.....EACH</p> <p>EH.....EITHER</p> <p>EJO.....ENJOY</p> <p>ENH.....ENOUGH</p> <p>ESPY.....ESPECIALLY</p> <p>EV.....EVER</p> <p>EXA.....EXTRA</p> <p>EXK.....EXPECT</p> <p>EXQ.....EXCUSE</p> <p>EYB.....EVERYBODY</p> <p>EYG.....EVERYTHING</p> <p><b>F</b></p> <p>F.....OF THE</p> <p>FO.....FOR</p> <p>FQ.....FREQUENT</p> <p>FRI.....FRIDAY</p> <p>DRV.....FOREVER</p> <p>FRW.....FORWARD</p> <p>FS.....FIRST</p> <p>FU.....FEW</p> <p>FW.....FOLLOW</p> <p><b>G</b></p> <p>G.....FROM THE</p> <p>GA.....GAVE</p> <p>GD.....GOOD</p> <p>GG.....GOING</p> <p>GLS.....GIRLS</p> <p>GN.....GONE</p> <p>GNI.....GOOD NIGHT</p> <p>GP.....GROUP</p> <p>GS.....GUESS</p> <p>GT.....GREAT</p> <p>GV.....GIVE</p> <p>GVT.....GOVERNMENT</p> <p><b>H</b></p> <p>H.....HAS</p> <p>HAP.....HAPPY</p> <p>HB.....HAS BEEN</p> <p>HD.....HAD</p> <p>HN.....HAS NOT</p> <p>HND.....HUNDRED</p>	<p>HP.....HOPE</p> <p>HPN.....HAPPEN</p> <p>HR.....HERE</p> <p>HVR.....HOWEVER</p> <p>HVU.....HAVE YOU</p> <p><b>I</b></p> <p>IFN.....INFORMATION</p> <p>IH.....IT HAS</p> <p>IKD.....INDICATED</p> <p>IKN.....INDICATION</p> <p>IM.....IMMEDIATELY</p> <p>IMA.....IMAGINE</p> <p>IMMY.....IMMENSELY</p> <p>IMT.....IMMEDIATE</p> <p>INXD.....INSTRUCTED</p> <p>INXN.....INSTRUCTION</p> <p>IP.....IMPROVE</p> <p>IPT.....IMPORTANT</p> <p>IQ.....INQUIRE</p> <p>IQG.....INQUIRING</p> <p>IPX.....INSPECT</p> <p>IPXN.....INSPECTION</p> <p>ITD.....INTEND</p> <p>IW.....IT WAS</p> <p>IWR.....IT WAS REPORTED</p> <p>IX.....IT IS</p> <p>IXN.....IT IS NOT</p> <p>IXU.....IT IS UNDERSTOOD</p> <p><b>J</b></p> <p>J.....BY WHICH</p> <p>JF.....JUSTIFY</p> <p>JGM.....JUDGMENT</p> <p>JN.....JOIN</p> <p>JNL.....JOURNAL</p> <p>JOP.....JUSTICE OF THE PEACE</p> <p>JS.....JUST</p> <p>JT.....JOINT</p> <p><b>K</b></p> <p>K.....OUT OF THE</p> <p>KB.....CONTRIBUTE</p> <p>KBN.....CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>KD.....KIND</p> <p>KF.....CONFER</p> <p>KFC.....CONFERENCE</p> <p>KFM.....CONFORM</p> <p>KGN.....CONGRATULATION</p> <p>KM.....COMMUNICATE</p> <p>KMD.....COMMUNICATED</p>	<p>KMP.....COMPARE</p> <p>KMPD.....COMPARED</p> <p>KNV.....CONVERSATION</p> <p>KP.....KEEP</p> <p>KT.....CONTAIN</p> <p>KTD.....CONTAINED</p> <p>KU.....CONTINUE</p> <p>KUD.....CONTINUED</p> <p><b>L</b></p> <p>LAF.....LAUGH</p> <p>LBR.....LUMBER</p> <p>LG.....LONG</p> <p>LK.....LIKE</p> <p>LRJ.....LARGE</p> <p>LTR.....LETTER</p> <p>LUK.....LOOK</p> <p>LV.....LEAVE</p> <p><b>M</b></p> <p>M.....MORE</p> <p>MAB.....MAYBE</p> <p>MCL.....MECHANICAL</p> <p>MD.....MADE</p> <p>MDZ.....MERCHANDISE</p> <p>MEM.....MEMBER</p> <p>MFR.....MANUFACTURER</p> <p>MG.....MANAGE</p> <p>MGD.....MANAGED</p> <p>MGR.....MANAGER</p> <p>MH.....MUCH</p> <p>MK.....MAKE</p> <p>MMY.....MEMORY</p> <p>MNM.....MINIMUM</p> <p>MNY.....MANY</p> <p>MO.....MONTH</p> <p>MS.....MOST</p> <p>MSD.....MISSED</p> <p>MSJ.....MESSAGE</p> <p>MSK.....MISTAKE</p> <p>MSR.....MEASURE</p> <p>MSRM.....MEASUREMENT</p> <p>MST.....MUST</p> <p>MSY.....MOSTLY</p> <p>MTG.....MEETING</p> <p>MTR.....MATTER</p> <p>MVM.....MOVEMENT</p> <p>MVG.....MOVING</p> <p>MYN.....MILLION</p>
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**N**  
 N..... NOT  
 NB..... NOT BE  
 NEC..... NECESSARY  
 NF..... NOTIFY  
 NFD..... NOTIFIED  
 NR..... NEAR  
 NTG..... NOTHING  
 NUP..... NEWSPAPER  
 NUS..... NEWS  
 NV..... NEVER  
 NW..... NOW  
 NX..... NEXT

**O**  
 O..... OF  
 OC..... O'CLOCK  
 OCU..... OCCUR  
 OCUG..... OCCURRING  
 OD..... ORDER  
 ODD..... ORDERED  
 OFC..... OFFICER  
 OFL..... OFFICIAL  
 OFN..... OFTEN  
 OFS..... OFFICE  
 OGN..... ORGANIZATION  
 OJ..... OBJECT  
 OV..... OVER  
 OWZ..... OTHERWISE

**P**  
 P..... PER  
 PAP..... PAPER  
 PB..... PROBABLE  
 PBM..... PROBLEM  
 PBY..... PROBABLY  
 PFT..... PERFECT  
 PKJ..... PACKAGE  
 PLS..... PLEASE  
 POT..... PRESIDENT OF THE  
 POTUS..... PRESIDENT OF THE  
 UNITED STATES  
 PV..... PROVINCE  
 PVCL..... PROVINCIAL  
 PVI..... PROVIDE  
 PVN..... PROVISION  
 PVT..... PRIVATE  
 PVX..... PREVIOUS  
 PW..... POWER  
 PWF..... POWERFUL  
 PX..... PRICE

**Q**  
 Q..... ON THE  
 QK..... QUICK  
 QSN..... QUESTION  
 QT..... QUITE

**R**  
 R..... ARE  
 RC..... RECEIVE  
 RCR..... RECEIVER  
 RDN..... REDUCTION  
 RDO..... RADIO  
 RDU..... REDUCE  
 RDY..... READY  
 REG..... REGISTER  
 REK..... WRECK  
 REPT..... REPEAT  
 RFU..... REFUSE  
 RG..... REGULAR  
 RGD..... REGARD  
 RGN..... REGULATION  
 RJ..... REJECT  
 RKO..... RECORD  
 RKOG..... RECORDING  
 RKZ..... RECOGNIZE  
 RLS..... RELEASE  
 RLV..... RELIEVE  
 RMB..... REMEMBER  
 RMD..... REMAINED  
 RMG..... REMAINING  
 RMK..... REMARK  
 RMX..... REMARKS  
 RQ..... REQUIRE  
 RQG..... REQUIRING  
 RTD..... RETURNED  
 RU..... ARE YOU

**S**  
 SCOTUS..... SUPREME COURT  
 OF THE UNITED STATES  
 SD..... SHOULD  
 SKJ..... SCHEDULE  
 SM..... SOME  
 SMG..... SOMETHING  
 SPL..... SPECIAL  
 SPO..... SUPPOSE  
 STD..... STANDARD  
 SUGN..... SUGGESTION  
 SVL..... SEVERAL  
 SYS..... SYSTEM

**T**  
 T..... THE  
 TBL..... TROUBLE  
 TCL..... TECHNICAL  
 TDY..... TODAY  
 TFK..... TRAFFIC  
 TFR..... TRANSFER  
 TGH..... TELEGRAPH  
 TGM..... TELEGRAM  
 TGR..... TOGETHER  
 TK..... TAKE  
 TMD..... TRANSMITTED  
 TMN..... TRANSMISSION

TMP..... TEMPERATURE  
 TMX..... TREMENDOUS  
 TN..... THEN  
 TNI..... TONIGHT  
 TPH..... TELEPHONE  
 TPY..... TEMPORARY  
 TS..... THIS  
 TSM..... THIS MORNING  
 TSP..... THIS AFTERNOON  
 TSV..... THIS EVENING  
 TT..... THAT  
 TTT (5)..... THAT THE  
 TW..... TOMORROW  
 TWM..... TOMORROW MORNING  
 TWP..... TOMORROW AFTERNOON  
 TWV..... TOMORROW EVENING  
 TY..... THEY

**U**  
 U..... YOU  
 UF..... UNFORTUNATE  
 UGT..... URGENT  
 UK..... UNDERSTAND  
 UKD..... UNDERSTOOD  
 UNC..... UNCERTAIN  
 UNK..... UNKNOWN  
 UN..... UNTIL  
 UR..... YOUR  
 UVL..... UNIVERSAL

**V**  
 V..... OF WHICH  
 VKN..... VACATION  
 VUD..... VIEWED  
 VY..... VERY

**W**  
 W..... WITH  
 WB..... WILL BE  
 WD..... WOULD  
 WDF..... WONDERFUL  
 WEA..... WEATHER  
 WG..... WRONG  
 WGH..... WEIGH  
 WH..... WHICH  
 WIX..... WIRELESS  
 WK..... WEEK  
 WH..... WHEN  
 WO..... WHO  
 WOT..... WITHOUT  
 WR..... WHERE  
 WRK..... WORK  
 WSK..... WHISKEY  
 WT..... WHAT  
 WY..... WHY

**X**  
 X..... IN WHICH  
 XCG..... EXCITING

XCM..... EXCITEMENT  
 XCP..... EXCEPT  
 XCPN..... EXCEPTION  
 XLT..... EXCELLENT  
 XM..... EXTREME  
 XPC..... EXPERIENCE  
 XT..... EXTENT  
 XTN..... EXTENSION

**Y**  
 Y..... YEAR  
 YA..... YESTERDAY  
 YAM..... YESTERDAY MORNING  
 YAP..... YESTERDAY AFTERNOON  
 YAV..... YESTERDAY EVENING

**Z**  
 Z..... FROM WHICH

**BASEBALL SUPPLEMENT**

BAS..... BY A SCORE OF  
 BOB..... BASE(S) ON BALLS  
 BTS..... BY THE SCORE OF  
 ING..... INNING  
 INGS..... INNINGS  
 IVC..... INVINCIBLE  
 LOB..... LEFT ON BASES  
 NBF..... NOW BATTING FOR  
 NCF..... NOW CATCHING FOR  
 NPF..... NOW PITCHING FOR  
 SKO..... SCORE  
 UMP..... UMPIRE  
 UMPS..... UMPIRES

Experienced operators not familiar with Phillips will find acquiring the code to be somewhat intuitive. The first time "bfl" is heard, for instance, it almost automatically translates itself as "beautiful."

Different forms of the same word can often be deduced, as well. If "kvn" means "conversation" then "kvns" logically is "conversations," the plural.

Similarly, verb tenses also are often easily discerned, as with "mv" move, "mvg" moving and "mvd" moved.