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SEMAPHORE





The Semaphore flag signaling system is an alphabet signaling system based on the waving of a pair of hand-held flags in a particular pattern.





The flags are held, arms extended, in various positions representing each of the letters of the alphabet. The pattern resembles a clock face divided into eight positions: up, down, out, high, low, for each of the left and right hands (LH and RH) six letters require the hand to be brought across the body so that both flags are on the same side.

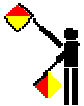
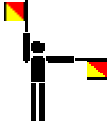

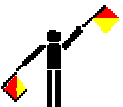
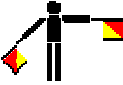


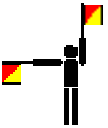
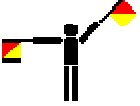
One way to visualize the semaphore alphabet is in terms of circles:

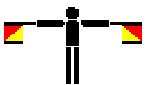

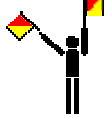

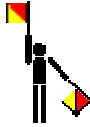


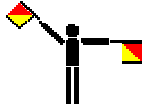

- first circle: A, B, C, D, E, F, G;
- second circle: H, I, K, L, M, N (omitting J);
- third circle: O, P, Q, R, S;
- fourth circle: T, U, Y and 'annul';
- fifth circle: 'numeric', J (or 'alphabetic'), V;
- sixth circle: W, X;
- seventh circle: Z

In their first circle, the letters A to C are made with the right arm, and E to G with the left, and D with either as convenient. In the second circle, the right arm is kept still at the letter A position and the left arm makes the movements; similarly in the remaining circles, the right arm remains fixed while the left arm moves. The arms are kept straight when changing from one position to another.

	Phonetic Alphabet	Semaphore
A	ALPHA pronounced <i>AL FAH</i>	
B	BRAVO pronounced <i>BRA VOH</i>	
C	CHARLIE pronounced <i>CHAR LEE</i>	
D	DELTA pronounced <i>DELL TAH</i>	

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E	ECHO pronounced <i>ECK OH</i>	
F	FOXTROT pronounced <i>FOKS TROT</i>	
G	GOLF pronounced <i>GOLF</i>	
H	HOTEL pronounced <i>HOH TELL</i>	

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I	INDIA pronounced <i>IN DEE AH</i>	
J	JULIET pronounced <i>JEW LEE ET</i>	
K	KILO pronounced <i>KEE LOH</i>	
L	LIMA pronounced <i>LEE MAH</i>	
M	MIKE pronounced <i>MIKE</i>	
N	NOVEMBER pronounced <i>NO VEM BER</i>	
O	OSCAR pronounced <i>OSS CAH</i>	
P	PAPA pronounced <i>PAH PAH</i>	
Q	QUEBEC pronounced <i>KEH BECK</i>	

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R	ROME O pronounced <i>ROW ME OH</i>	
S	SIERRA pronounced <i>SEE AIR RAH</i>	
T	TANGO pronounced <i>TANG GO</i>	
U	UNIFORM pronounced <i>YOU NEE FORM</i>	
V	VICTOR pronounced <i>VIK TAH</i>	
W	WHISKEY pronounced <i>WISS KEY</i>	
X	X-RAY pronounced <i>ECKS RAY</i>	
Y	YANKEE pronounced <i>YANG KEY</i>	
Z	ZULU pronounced <i>ZOO LOO</i>	

Source: Semaphore Flag Signaling System (<http://www.anbg.gov.au/flags/semaphore.html>)