

## ARRL RADIOGRAM ACHECK® COUNT

1-Punctuation **AX-Ray**®(period) or **Query**® (question mark) count separately as a word. Its not necessary end a message using “**X-Ray**”.

2-Mixed letter-number groups (**2N107** for example) count as one word.

3-Initial or number groups count as one word if sent together, two if sent separately.

4-The signature **DOES NOT** count as part of the text, but any closing lines, such as **ALove**® or “Best Wishes” do.

Here are some TEXT examples:

Names Charles J McClain - 3 words

W B Steward - 3 words

Citys St Louis - 2 words

Times 3 PM - 2 words (Number group)(Letter group)

2130 UTC - 2 words (Number group)(Letter group)

0600 Hours Local - 3 words (Number group)(2 Word groups)

Abrevs. SASE - 1 word (Letter group)

EOC - 1 word “

ARES - 1 word “

ARL # ARL FORTY SIX - 3 words (ARL numbers are **always spelled out**)

(When one or more is used **ARL must appear in “CHECK” box. Ex: ARL 15**)

Tube # 12AU7 - 1 word (Mixed group)

Numbers Seventy three - 2 words

73 - 1 word (Number group) pronounced SEVEN THREE

88 - 1 word (Number group) pronounced EIGHT EIGHT

Zip Code + 4 28677 3467 - 2 words (2 number groups)

Telephone # 704 878 4445 - 3 words (3 number groups)

704 663 8929 EX 50 - 5 words (3 number groups)(Letter group)(Number group)

Business RED CROSS - 2 words

Address 124 LAKE DRIVE - 3 words (1 number group) (2 words)

Canadian postal codes count as 2 words (first three characters, last three characters.)

Senders Signature **IS NEVER** included in Check Count. Example of proper signature:

John W. Doe John W. Doe, Capt. USAF Logistics Shaw AFB, SC - **0 words**

Signature

Name printed

Title

Location

Although it is improper to change the text of a message, you may change the CHECK. Always do this by following the original CHECK with a slash (/), then the corrected CHECK

Example: 10 / 11 on CW.

On SSB or FM, use the words **Ac**corrected to.® Example: CHECK 10 corrected to 11, or 14 corrected to 13.