



Radio Scouting Ireland – 1st QSO

Scouting has a language all its own. Moots, woggles, Pioneering, Backwoods. Ham radio is similar. We have things like Callsigns – Echo India Zero Radio Sierra India – EIORSI, QSO, which is a contact, QSL? Means did you hear me, 73 means thank you and best wishes, 59- I'm hearing you loud and clear. Hams also use the phonetic alphabet to help spell things like our name. John – Juliet Oscar Hotel November

Between the new language and meeting new people on the radio it can feel a bit challenging sometimes to know what to say! Once you have got the other persons callsign and signal report, here are a few conversation starters for meeting new friends all around the world. Write out your name here with the Phonetic Alphabet, for example. My name is John - Juliet, Oscar, Hotel, November -John

Phonetic Alphabet	
A - alpha	N - november
B - bravo	O - oscar
C - charlie	P - papa
D - delta	Q - quebec
E - echo	R - romeo
F - foxtrot	S - sierra
G - golf	T - tango
H - hotel	U - uniform
I - india	V - victor
J - juliet	W - whiskey
K - kilo	X - x-ray
L - lima	Y - yankee
M - mike	Z - zulu

Share some info about you:

Hello, My name is... (Name – Phonetic Spelling of name – Name)

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I am from Country/City/town

I am. years old and I am in the scout troop - **OVER**

– Over invites the other operator to speak

General Conversation Questions

- What country and city or town do you live in? **OVER**
- What language(s) do you speak? **OVER**
- What sports are popular in your country? **OVER**
- What is the typical dish of where you live? **OVER**
- What is the weather like where you live? **OVER**
- What is the main sport where you live? **OVER**
- How long have you been a radio ham? **OVER**

Scouting Conversation Questions

- How long have you been a scout? What is your scout troop name? **OVER**
- What colour is your Scout group's scarf/neckerchief? **OVER**
- What is your favourite Scouting activity? What badges do you have? **OVER**
- Have you done JOTA-JOTI before? **OVER**
- Are you on camp for JOTA-JOTI? **OVER**

Remember to say OVER and release the push to talk button when you are finished speaking.

When you want to finish your conversation, say **"Thank you for the nice QSO, 73!"**

"73" is short hand for "best regards"