

**O-2020**  
**USE PROWORDS**

**CONDITIONS**

You are a Mission Scanner trainee and must demonstrate proper use of prowords when talking on the radios.

**OBJECTIVES**

Properly use prowords when talking on the radios.

**TRAINING AND EVALUATION**

**Training Outline**

1. As a Mission Scanner trainee, knowledge of proper use of prowords and code words is essential for communicating on the radios.
2. Prowords. Prowords are pronounceable words and phrases that have been assigned a meaning for the purpose of expediting communications on radiotelephone circuits. The table shows samples of the most common prowords.

<b>TERM</b>	<b>DEFINITION or MEANING</b>
AFFIRMATIVE	Yes.
ALL AFTER	The portion of the message that follows (word).
ALL BEFORE	The portion of the message that precedes (word).
BREAK	I hereby indicate the separation of the text from other portions of the message.
COPY	I understand.
CORRECT	You are correct, or what you have transmitted is correct
CORRECTION	An error has been made in this transmission. Transmission will continue with the last word correctly transmitted.
DISREGARD	The last transmission was in error. Disregard it.
DISREGARD THIS TRANSMISSION	This transmission is in error. Disregard it. This proword should not be used to cancel any message that has been completely transmitted and for which receipt or acknowledgment has been received.
EXEMPT	The addresses immediately following are exempted from the collective call.
FIGURE(s)	Numerals or numbers follow.
FROM	The originator of this message is the address designator that follows.
I READ BACK	The following is my response to your instructions to read back.
I SAY AGAIN	I am repeating transmission or portion indicated.
I SPELL	I shall spell the next word phonetically.
I VERIFY	That which follows has been verified at your request and is repeated. To be used only as a reply to VERIFY.
INFO	The addressees immediately following are addresses for information.
INITIALS	Personal initials shall be spoken phonetically prefixed by the word "INITIALS."
MESSAGE FOLLOWS	A message that requires recording is about to follow. Transmitted immediately after the call. (This proword is not used on nets primarily employed for conveying messages. It is intended for use when messages are passed on tactical or reporting nets.)
MORE TO FOLLOW	Transmitting station has additional traffic for the receiving station.
NEGATIVE	No or "permission not granted" or "that is not correct."
OUT	This is the end of my transmission to you and no answer is required or expected.
OVER	This is the end of my transmission to you and a response is necessary. Go ahead; transmit.
PRIORITY	Precedence PRIORITY.
READ BACK	Repeat my message back to me. A request to repeat instructions back to the sender, for the purpose of confirmation. Also, the receiver's reply, repeating the instructions, as in: "Read back is as follows..."
RED CAP	Precedence RED CAP.
RELAY (TO)	Re-transmit this message to...

TERM	DEFINITION or MEANING
ROGER	I have received and understand all of your last transmission. This should not be used to answer a question requiring a yes or no answer.
ROUTINE	Precedence ROUTINE.
SAY AGAIN	Repeat all of your last transmission. Followed by identification data means "Repeat _____ (portion indicated)."
SPEAK SLOWER	Your transmission is at too fast a speed. Reduce speed of transmission.
SPELL, or I SPELL	Please spell, or "I shall spell the next word phonetically."
STANDBY	I must pause for a few seconds.
THIS IS	This transmission is from the station whose designator immediately follows.
TIME	That which immediately follows is the time or date-time group of the message.
TO	The addressees immediately following are addressed for action.
VERIFY	Verify entire message (or portion indicated) with the originator and send correct version. To be used only at the discretion of or by the addressee to which the questioned message was directed.
WAIT	I must pause for a few seconds.
WAIT OUT	I must pause longer than a few seconds.
WILCO	I have received your signal, understand it, and will comply. To be used only by the addressee. <i>Since the meaning of ROGER is included in that of WILCO, these two prowords are never used together.</i>
WORD AFTER	The word of the message to which I have reference is that which follows _____.
WORD BEFORE	The word of the message to which I have reference is that which precedes _____.
WORDS TWICE	Communication is difficult. Transmit each phrase or each code group twice. This proword may be used as an order, request, or as information.

### Additional Information

More detailed information on this topic is available in Chapter 4 of the MART.

### Evaluation Preparation

**Setup:** Provide the student access to a radio (may be simulated).

**Brief Student:** You are a Scanner trainee asked to correctly use prowords, and discuss why code words may be used.

### Evaluation

#### Performance measures

#### Results

1. Demonstrate understanding and use of prowords while talking on a radio.

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Student must receive a pass on all performance measures to qualify in this task. If the individual fails any measure, show what was done wrong and how to do it correctly.