



International Events

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The J-Code.

Developed by a group of National JOTA Organizers, following the idea of Dave Gemmell, NJO of South-Africa, the J-code aims to make a very basic communication possible between Scouts that have no language in common.

It is a fun way to try to link up with someone who you otherwise could not communicate with. The J-code is analogous to the Q-code often used by radio amateurs. The code can be used in radio contacts during the JOTA weekend. It is very well suited for IRC during the JOTI too.

Personal

JWN = My name is

JFC = I come from (Country)

JHO = I am years old.

JWA = My address is

JEM = Our e-mail address is

JWL = The language I speak is ...

- 1 = English
- 2 = French
- 3 = Spanish
- 4 = Portugese
- 5 = Russian
- 6 = German
- 7 = Dutch
- 8 = Italian

Scouting

JCS = I am a Cub Scout

JSC = I am a Scout.

JGI = I am a Guide.

JRS = I am a Rover Scout.

JRG = I am a Ranger Guide.

JLS = I am a Scout Leader.

JWG = I belong to the Group

JHJ = Happy JOTA / JOTI

JSW = Best Scouting wishes to you

General

JAC = We are camping.

JWB = The weather here is ...

- 1 = overcast
- 2 = rainy
- 3 = very heavy rain
- 4 = snowy
- 5 = fine

In order to ask a question just add the letter "X" to the end of the particular code, e.g.:

JWN = My name is JWNX = What is your name?

JHO = I am years old. JHOX = How old are you?

Imagine the following exchange between a Russian Scout in Wladiwostok and his friend-to-be in Caracas, Venezuela. All words can be spelled in the international spelling alphabet:

Doswe danja, JWN Dimitri
Hola Dimitri, JWN Paco
JHJ Paco, JFC Russia, QTH Wladiwostok. JWL 5
OK Dimitri, QTH Caracas y JHO 12. JHOX
JHO 14 Paco. JSC, JAC, JWB 4
Muy bien, JSC y JWB 1. JSW Dimitri.
JSW Paco.

Looks like code to you? Well, that's exactly what it is, the J-Code. Dimitri and his friend Paco would otherwise not be able to have this basic contact. Can you? Give it a try.

