

Amateur Radio Contact for Radio Merit Badge

Speak up. Speak clearly. Speak slowly. Don't mumble.

**Remember: the other person does not know what you are saying,
and cannot see your face or hands, or read your lips.**

Squeeze microphone, SPEAK , then release mic.	LISTEN for station to respond. <u>Take notes</u> of what you hear.
<p><i>Calling any station...</i></p> <p>C Q C Q C Q This is W 5 Z D N or _____ Whiskey, Five, Zulu, Delta, November.</p> <p>or: _____</p> <p>C Q C Q C Q This is W 5 Z D N.</p>	<p><i>Listen for a station to respond by saying <u>your call sign</u>, followed by <u>his call sign</u>.</i></p> <p>His call sign: _____</p> <p><i>This ↗ is very important. Listen closely.</i></p> <p>If it is hard to hear the other station, you may have to work harder: say things twice and speak very slowly.</p>
<p><i>Repeat his call sign, and your call sign, then start to tell about yourself.</i></p> <p>(his call sign), this is W 5 Z D N.</p> <p>Thank you for the call.</p> <p>My name is (your name).</p> <p>My Q T H is (your city), (your state)</p>	<p><i>Listen for him to give you his information. Write it down.</i></p> <p>His name: _____</p> <p><i>This ↗ is important. Listen closely.</i></p> <p>His location: _____</p> <p><i>This ↗ is important. Listen closely.</i></p>
<p><i>Say his name, and say something about his location, and then listen for his reply.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's very nice to meet you, (his name). • I live in the same town as you! • Or: I have been to (his location). • Or: I have never been to (his location). 	<p><i>Listen for him to respond...</i></p>
<p><i>Answer his question, or tell more about you:</i></p> <p>I am a Boy Scout. I am working on the Radio Merit Badge. Thank you for helping me out today.</p>	<p><i>Listen for him to respond...</i></p>

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SPEAK, then release mic.**

**LISTEN for station to respond.
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Answer his question, or tell more about you:

I am now a , but

I am working to upgrade to .

Were *you* ever a scout?

Do *you* know any scouts?

Listen for him to respond...

Answer his question, or tell more about you:

I am now a student in _____ grade.

How long ago were YOU a student?

Or: What grade are you in?

Or:

Listen for him to respond...

Answer his question, or tell more about you:

I'd like to tell you about...

- My favorite hobby: _____.
- My recent trip to _____.
- My award for _____.
- My new _____.
- (or whatever brief story you have)

Listen for him to respond...

If he asks you a question, try to respond with a short, clear answer.

Remember to speak slowly and clearly.

*When you are done answering his questions,
you can end the contact as follows...*

End the contact politely.

I need to end now.

73 and thank you very much , for helping me earn the Radio Merit Badge by completing this **Q S O**.

this is **W 5 Z D N**.

*Listen for him to respond in a similar way,
with your call sign and his call sign.*

You're done!