



Radio Scouting Ireland – 1st QSO? Mic Shy?

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 thanks 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 – Name)

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I am from Country/City/town

I am. years old and I am in the scout troop

This is my 1st time using a ham radio, **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!"