Formal (NTS) Traffic
Part V - Message Text

ARRL Numbered Radiograms

ARRL Numbered Radiograms are a standardized list of often-used phrases. Each phrase on the list is assigned a number. There are two groups of ARL text messages. Group Two contains 21 routine messages, including number "FORTY SIX" and from "FIFTY" through "SIXTY NINE." For the complete list, see http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd3.pdf

When using numbered radiograms, the letters "ARL" are placed in the "check" block of the preamble, just prior to the number indicating the word count, as in "ARL7."

In the text of the message, the numbered radiogram is inserted by using the letters "ARL" as one word, followed by the number written out in text, not numerals. For example: "ARL FIFTY SIX."

It is important to spell out the numbers letter by letter when sending using voice. This allows the receiving station to correctly copy what is being sent, and not inadvertently write the figures out as "FIVE SIX" instead of "FIFTY SIX."   "ARL FIFTY SIX" is counted as three words for the "check" block. Two common receiving errors are to write "ARL-56" and count it as one word, or "ARL 56" and count it as two words.

Some numbered messages require a "fill in the blank" word in order to make sense. Here are two examples:

ARL SIXTY TWO: Greetings and best wishes to you for a pleasant _____ holiday season.
ARL SIXTY FOUR: Arrived safely at _____.

ARL Text Messages Group 2

FORTY SIX--Greetings on your birthday and best wishes for many more to come.
FIFTY--Greetings by Amateur Radio.
FIFTY ONE--Greetings by Amateur Radio. This message is sent as a free public service by ham radio operators at _____. Am having a wonderful time.
FIFTY TWO--Really enjoyed being with you. Looking forward to getting together again.
FIFTY THREE--Received your _____. It's appreciated; many thanks.
FIFTY FOUR--Many thanks for your good wishes.
FIFTY FIVE--Good news is always welcome. Very delighted to hear about yours.
FIFTY SIX--Congratulations on your _____, a most worthy and deserved achievement.
FIFTY SEVEN--Wish we could be together.
FIFTY EIGHT--Have a wonderful time. Let us know when you return.
FIFTY NINE--Congratulations on the new arrival. Hope mother and child are well.
SIXTY--Wishing you the best of everything on _____.
SIXTY ONE--Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
SIXTY TWO--Greetings and best wishes to you for a pleasant _____ holiday season.
SIXTY THREE--Victory or defeat, our best wishes are with you. Hope you win.
SIXTY FOUR--Arrived safely at _____.
SIXTY FIVE--Arriving _____ on _____. Please arrange to meet me there.
SIXTY SIX--DX QSLs are on hand for you at the _____ QSL Bureau. Send _____ self addressed envelopes.
SIXTY SEVEN--Your message number _____ undeliverable because of _____. Please advise.
SIXTY EIGHT--Sorry to hear you are ill. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.
SIXTY NINE--Welcome to the _____. We are glad to have you with us and hope you will enjoy the fun and fellowship of the organization.

The Importance of the Signature

During an emergency, the messages you handle can easily contain requests for expensive supplies that have a very limited "shelf life" (such as blood for an aid station), or for agencies that will only respond to

authorized requests (i.e.: for medevac helicopters). For this reason, it is critical that you include that the signature and title of the sender in every message.