

Youlbury Scout and Guide Amateur Radio Station

Semaphore

Signalling

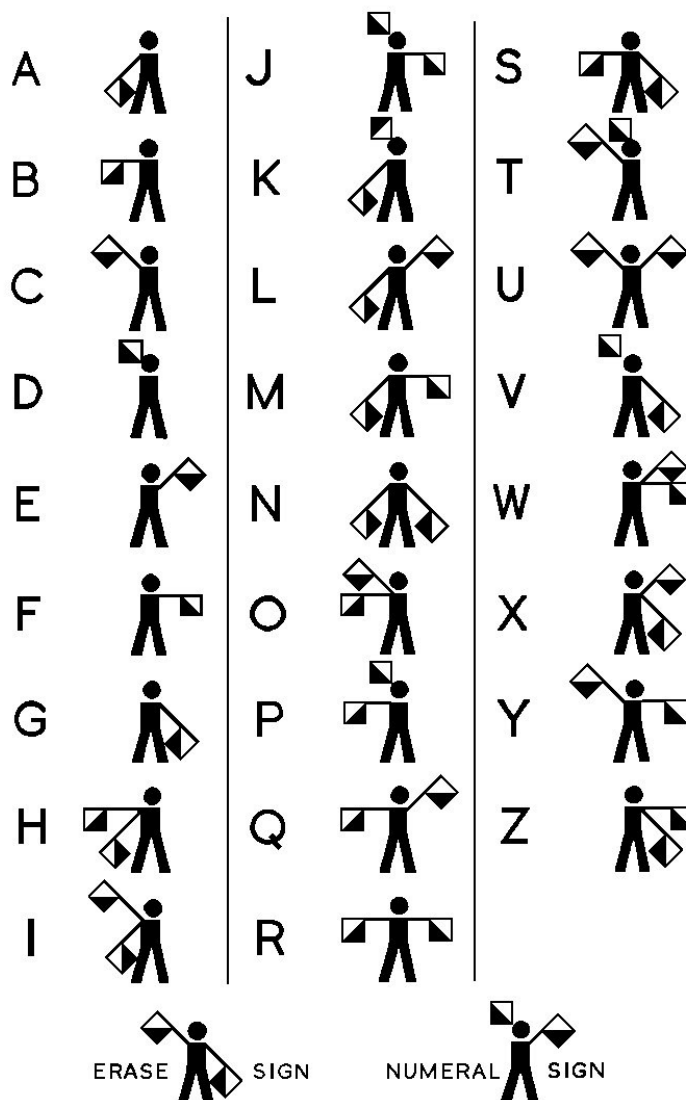
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Although not quite radio, semaphore has been an important method of communication over distances up to 20 kilometres.

One of the suggested ways of learning semaphore is by 'circles'. Most of the alphabet is straight forward but there are traps for the unwary. Remember that the letters J and Y are out of order and that the erase and number signals are slipped in between them.

1st circle	A B C D E F G
2nd circle	H I K L M N
3rd circle	O P Q R S
4th circle	T U Y e
5th circle	n J V
6th circle	W X
7th circle	Z

where e is erase and n is the numerical sign. The letters A to I are used to represent the numbers 1 to 9 and the letter K is 0. The letter J is sent to indicate the end of numbers and the start of letters.



Arthur Ransome mentions semaphore in *Winter Holiday* and *Secret Water*.