

# Aviation Alphabet

While the language of aviation worldwide is English, pilots have developed a sort of universal code to help keep their communications as clear as possible to anyone listening. Pilots use a phonetic alphabet when saying anything they need to spell out, substituting a particular word that begins with the letter they need. Civilian and military pilots around the world use the same words for each letter, such as “alpha” for “A” and “zulu” for “Z.”

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## Letters

A = Alpha  
B = Bravo  
C = Charlie  
D = Delta  
E = Echo  
F = Foxtrot  
G = Golf  
H = Hotel  
I = India

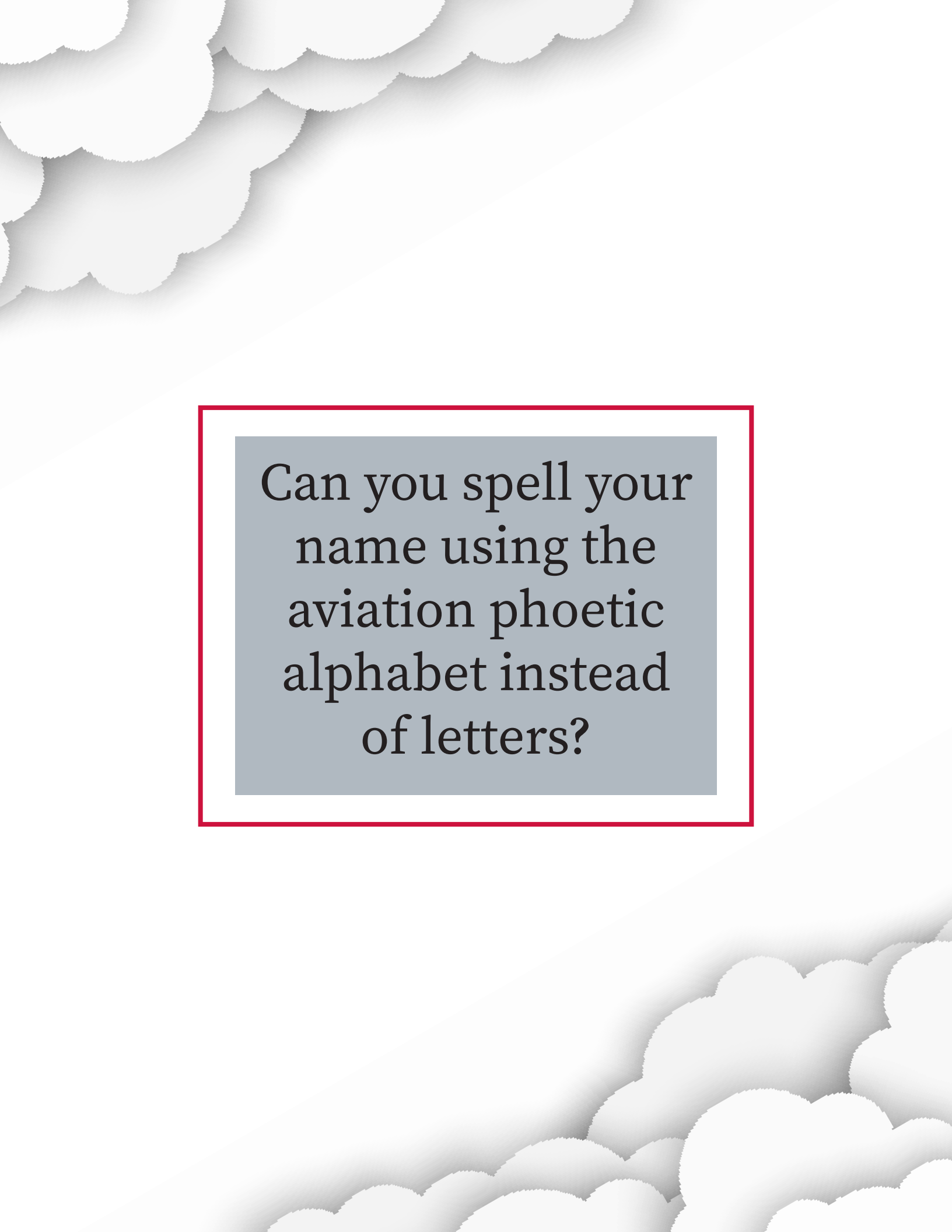
J = Juliet  
K = Kilo  
L = Lima (lee-muh)  
M = Mike  
N = November  
O = Oscar  
P = Papa  
Q = Quebec  
R = Romeo

S = Sierra  
T = Tango  
U = Uniform  
V = Victor  
W = Whiskey  
X = X-ray  
Y = Yankee  
Z = Zulu

## Numbers

0 = Zero      2 = Two      4 = Four      6 = Six      8 = Eight  
1 = One      3 = Tree      5 = Five      7 = Seven      9 = Niner





Can you spell your  
name using the  
aviation phoetic  
alphabet instead  
of letters?