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Mayday	Urgent assistance is required
Roger (or Ten Four)	Message fully received and understood
Wilco or Will do	"Will comply" (i.e. I/we will carry out the request / order)
Copy	Meaning is the same as that of <i>read</i> . Used as "do you copy?"
Copy that	Message is acknowledged and understood
Read back	Repeat this message back to me
Correction	I made a mistake. Correct version is...
20	Location... (for example "what is your 20?")
Acknowledge	Confirm that you understand my message
Confirm	My version is ".....". Is that affirmative?
That is correct	Yes, I do confirm what you said / agreed to / arranged / etc.
Stand-by	Wait. You acknowledge the other party, but are unable to respond immediately
Affirmative	Yes
Negative	No
Send	Send your message
Break, break, break	An interruption in the middle of communication because of an emergency
Over	Your message is complete and the other party can respond
Say again	Re-transmit your message
Out	All conversation is finished and the channel is clear for others to use
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