<u>Introduction to Morse Code</u> <u>Lesson - 3</u>

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What we covered in Lesson - 1

- Part I : Morse Code in the Syllabus of ASOC Exam
- Part II : A brief history of Morse Code
- Part III : Introduction to Morse Code
- Part IV : Learning Morse Code



Lesson -1

E - Dit

T - Dah

K - Dah-Di-Dah

5 - Di-di-di-dit



Technique of Learning

We'll start learning characters at a higher speed e.g., 12 Words Per MInute (WPM) so that you get used to recognising characters at a higher speed

We'll give more time between characters so that your brain can process the sound and associate it with the character. It will be easier to increase speed later on.

Illustration - learning a language is always done at the same speed that you'll finally speak in and not slower.

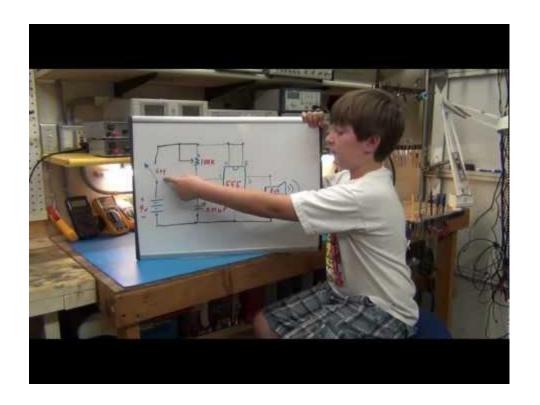
<u>Learning Morse Code: Lesson - 2</u>

- Revision of Lesson 1 (Completed above)
- Construction of a Morse Key
- CPO Code Practice Oscillator
- Desktop / Mobile Softwares and Apps



Code Practice Oscillator

- VU2LN OM Sinosh will be guiding you all through practical 'home-brewing' a CPO
- I will introduce you all to the final product and hear the sounds







Method of Correcting Your Code: Lesson - 2

- Revision of previous lesson
- I will send for a few minutes : E, T, K, 5 in a pre-defined sequence
- You all and receive write it down in a note-pad (physical or on your laptop / desktop)
- Send the sequence you wrote down to me on Whatsapp Group called 'SIARS Know Code'

Method of Correcting Your Code: Lesson - 2 (...continued)

- Then, I will correct and send the result back to you
- After you score 90% or more, we will add a character or two
- Repeat the cycle in the next class with some fun in between
- Try out Just Learn Morse before tomorrow's lesson



Receiving Morse Exercise - 1

T555EK5 5E55 KE ETT5 K55 EKE KEK5 KT KK



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What we will cover today:-

- 1. Report on yesterdays results of receiving Lesson 1
- 2. Words and spacing between them
- 3. Video clip of an actual CW QSO: just for fun
- 4. Software Just Learn Morse
- 5. New sound patterns for the day
- 6. Receiving Lesson -2 practicals



Sample CW QSO Clip of 19 July 2020

Lessons

- 1. Noise and tone can vary but intelligence goes through
- 2. Narrow bandwidth as single frequency is adequate for Morse Code Tx
- 3. Low power maximum range possible
- 4. Simplicity





Report on Yesterday's Results of Receiving Lesson - 1

15 out of 23 scored 30/30 - 65% students

03 out of 23 scored 29/30 - 13%

03 out of 23 scored 27-28/30 - 13%

02 out of 23 scored < 27/30 - 08%



Word Spacing

<u>&</u>

Audio Pattern of the Gap in Between Dits/Dahs, Letters and Words

Theory

- Unit of space = time-length of dot (time for which we press the key)
- This is the reference time interval
- Length of Dah = 3 Dits
- Within a letter space = 1 Dit
- Between two letters of a word, space = 3 Dits
- Betweeen two words, space = 7 Dits
- Practical Demo with different speeds of Dit, Dah, Letters and Wo

Rythm of Dits and Dahs at Various Speeds

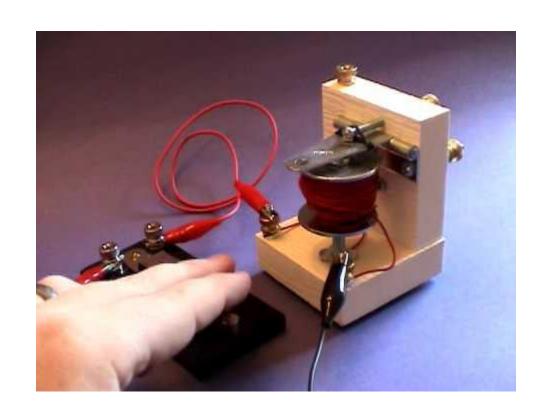
Straight Key - human timings : demo

 Iambic Paddle Key with Electronic Keyer timed by an ATtiny Microcontroller - better for learning the mind patterns of code, letter and word spacing: demo

High and low speed Dits and Dahs



Olden Days Telegraph System Sounds





Just Learn Morse

Desktop / Laptop Software



CPO: A Code Practice Oscillator KIt





Practicals

Part - 1 : Sending via Paddles using HF Radio Oscillator

Format - writing down received code with space between each word : eke tek5 ekekek tek5 t e5 ket5

Part - 2 : Sending and receiving via 'Just Learn Morse' Software



Questions

Please type your Questions in the Chat Box

