

USED ON USA, CANADIAN, AND MEXICAN
LANDLINES

USED FOR
UNDERSEA CABLE,
RADIO, AND
LANDLINES FOR THE
REST OF THE WORLD
EXCEPT
CANADA,
USA, &
MEXICO

MORSE TELEGRAPH CLUB

Manual Telegraph Codes - English Language

Morse 1838

A ...
B ...
C ...
D ...
E ...
F ...
G ...
H ...
I ...
J ...
K ...
L ...
M ...
N ...
O ...
P ...
Q ...
R ...
S ...
T ...
U ...
V ...
W ...
X ...
Y ...
Z ...

Note: Dashes are long
(equal to 1844 Morse "L"),
except for Q, V and W.
G and J are the same.
I and Y are the same.
S and Z are the same.

Morse 1844

A --
B ...
C ...
D ...
E ...
F ...
G ...
H ...
I ...
J ...
K ...
L ...
M ...
N ...
O ...
P ...
Q ...
R ...
S ...
T ...
U ...
V ...
W ...
X ...
Y ...
Z ...

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
0
Ø ---

NOTE
J MEANS
A SPACE
EQUAL TO
ONE DOT.
A DASH
IS 3 TIMES
AS LONG
AS A DOT
EX: DASH
= T = ---
= 3 x DOT
A LONG
DASH =
6 x DOT
= L
A LONG-
LONG
DASH
= ZERO
(NOT
OFTEN
USED)
OP'S
USUALLY
JUST
SENT THE
LETTER
"O"
= ☺

Punctuation:

&
Period
Comma
Colon
Semi-colon¹
Quote²
Exclamation
Interrogation
Parenthesis³
New Paragraph
Fraction bar
Ø ---

¹ Now "SI." Changed c. ??
² Now "QN" begin, "QJ" end.
³ Now "PN" begin, "PY" end.

Bain - c. 1846

A --
B ...
C ...
D ...
E ...
F ...
G ...
H ...
I ...
J ...
K ...
L ...
M ...
N ...
O ...
P ...
Q ...
R ...
S ...
T ...
U ...
V ...
W ...
X ...
Y ...
Z ...

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
0
Ø⁴

Punctuation:

Period
/
?
&
Ø ---

⁴ May have been -----

International - 1851

A --
B ...
C ...
D ...
E ...
F ...
G ...
H ...
I ...
J ...
K ...
L ...
M ...
N ...
O ...
P ...
Q ...
R ...
S ...
T ...
U ...
V ...
W ...
X ...
Y ...
Z ...

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
0
Ø
Ø ---

Punctuation:

Period⁵
Colon
Semi-colon
Comma⁶
Interrogation
Hyphen
Apostrophe
Fraction Bar
Ø ---

⁵ Formerly the comma. Period was originally
⁶ Originally the exclamation point, for which there is no current provision.

1844 (American) Morse code was used on landlines in USA, Canada and Mexico.
Bain code was used on his telegraph lines, which were bought up by Morse in 1852.
International (Continental) code is used for radio and on landlines in other parts of the world.