

Top Ten Ways that (some) Radiograms get Messed Up

10. Poor atmospheric propagation
9. Hearing or Vision ability of the Receiving Operator is not adequate.
8. Desire of the Receiving Operator to “edit” the message or to “correct errors”.
Using one too many Relay stations.
7. The ability of the human mind to transpose letters and words
(example: 1467 1476)
6. Lack of use of the “copy” and “paste” features of a computer.
5. Inadequate use of phonetic spelling of words. Sending Operator assumes that the Receiving Operator has excellent knowledge of “common spelling”.
Receiving Operator is not familiar with the dialect (voice) or fist (cw) of the Sending Operator. The message contains words from a culture unfamiliar to the Receiving Operator.
4. Receiving Operator has inadequate penmanship or typing ability. “I can’t read my own writing”.
Use of fonts which do not have enough distinction between letters. Example of
Good : 3 8 B 5 6 7 9 2 Z L I i 0 Φ O r n m VV W R K U V
Poor : 3 8 B 5 6 7 9 2 Z L I i 0 Φ O r n m VV W R K U V
3. Sending Operator Sends or Speaks too fast.
2. Receiving Operator is reluctant to ask the Sending Operator to Slow Down, or to ask for multiple “repeats”.
1. When “manual” modes (voice, cw, RTTY, Delivery via telephone) are used, a procedure is not used by the **Sending person** to verify that the Receiving person has apparently acquired the message correctly.

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