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## Introduction

A number of common phrases you'll need in Pilot2ATC are listed below. While there're thousands of possible phrases, these should give you a good start.

**COMMENT:** A more complete list of phrases is in the **Grammar Phrases Guide**, which may be found in the Documentation folder.

Category	Request Type	Phrase	Controller Type
<b>Clearance</b>			
Request	VFR Flight Following	<CallSign> requesting VFR Flight Following from <DepartureICAO> to <DestinationICAO> at <CruiseAltitude>	Clearance Del, Ground, Tower, Departure, Center, Approach
Request	Cancel VFR Flight Following	<CallSign> cancel VFR Flight Following	Tower, Departure, Center, Approach
Request	Flight Plan Clearance	<CallSign> ready to copy (IFR Clearance) (VFR Clearance)	Clearance Del, Ground, Tower At uncontrolled Airports - Departure, Center, Approach
Request	Open VFR Flight Plan	Open flight plan for <CallSign> from <DepartureICAO> to <DestinationICAO> at <ZuluTime>	FSS, UNICOM (Unicom due to lack of FSS Controllers)
Request	IFR Release at Uncontrolled Airport	<CallSign> is number one for departure runway <RunwayName> at <ICAOCode> request IFR Release <b>OR</b> <CallSign> ready for IFR Release Runway <RwyName> At <ICAOCode>	Departure, Center, Approach
Request	Cancel IFR	<CallSign> cancel IFR OR Cancel IFR for <CallSign>	Tower, Departure, Center, Approach
<b>Pushback and Engine Start</b>			
Request	Pushback OR Engine Start	<CallSign> Ready for pushback OR <CallSign> Ready for engine start	Ground, Tower
Request	Pushback and Engine Start	<CallSign> Ready for pushback and engine start	Ground, Tower
<b>Taxi</b>			
Request	Taxi to Runway	<CallSign> Ready to taxi (to Runway <RWName>)	Ground, Tower
Request	Taxi to Airport Location	<CallSign> Request taxi <AirportLocation>	Ground, Tower
Request	Taxi to default Gate	<CallSign> Request taxi to the Gate	Ground, Tower
Request	Taxi to a specific Gate	<CallSign> Request taxi to Gate <GateName>	Ground, Tower
Request	Cross Runway	<CallSign> (waiting OR ready) to cross Runway <RunwayName>	Ground, Tower

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<b>Takeoff and Departure</b>			
Request	Departure / Takeoff	<CallSign> Ready for departure (runway <RunwayName>)	Tower
Request	Midfield Departure / Takeoff	<CallSign> Request midfield departure (runway <RunwayName>)	Tower
Request	VFR Pattern Departure	<CallSign> request (left OR right OR straight out) departure runway <RunwayName>	Tower
<b>Enroute and Approach</b>			
Request	Altitude Change	<CallSign> request (Climb / Descent to / New altitude of) <Altitude>	Tower, Departure, Center, Approach
Request	Approach Request	<CallSign> inbound at <CurrentAltitude> request <ApproachType> to runway <RunwayName>	Approach, Tower
Request	Vectored Approach Request	<CallSign> inbound at <CurrentAltitude> request radar vectors for <ApproachType> to runway <RunwayName>	Approach, Tower
Request	VFR Bravo Airspace Transit	<CallSign> is <Distance> <Direction> request transit of <ICAOCode> bravo airspace	Tower
Report	Initial Call to New Controller	<CallSign> (at OR climbing to OR descending to) <Altitude>	Departure, Center, Approach, Tower
Report	Traffic Alert Response	<CallSign> (has traffic in sight OR traffic not in sight)	Departure, Center, Approach, Tower
<b>Pattern &amp; Landing</b>			
Report	Pattern Location	<CallSign> is <PatternLocation> (for Runway <RunwayName>)	Tower, OR UNICOM at Uncontrolled Airports
Report	Established On Final	<CallSign> established on final (for <ApproachType>) (to runway <RunwayName>)	Tower
Report	Field in Sight	<CallSign> has field in sight	Tower, OR Approach at Uncontrolled Airports
Request	Touch and Go / Full Stop	<CallSign> request (Touch and go OR the option OR full stop ) runway <RunwayName>	Tower
Report	Final for Touch and Go	<CallSign> (turning OR on) final for touch and go runway <RunwayName>	Tower
Report	Missed Approach	<CallSign> missed approach	Tower, OR Approach at Uncontrolled Airports
Report	Going Around	<CallSign> going around	Tower
Report	Clear of Active	<CallSign> is clear of active (runway <RunwayName>)	Tower

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<b>Frequency</b>			
Request	Frequency Change	<CallSign> request frequency change to <ControllerType>	All
Request	Frequency	Say <ControllerType> Frequency (for <CallSign>)	All
Request	Radio Check	<CallSign> radio check	All
Request	Leave Frequency	<CallSign> request to leave frequency (for a minute)	All
Request	Back on Frequency	<CallSign> is back on frequency	All
<b>Information</b>			
Information	Assigned Frequency	Say frequency for <CallSign>	All
Information	Altimeter	Say Altimeter (for <CallSign>)	All
Information	Weather	Say Weather (at <ICAOCode>) (for <CallSign>)	All
Information	Winds	Say Winds (at <ICAOCode>) (for <CallSign>)	All
Information	Active Runway	Say Active Runway (at <ICAOCode>) (for <CallSign>)	All
Information	Squawk Code	Say squawk Code (for <CallSign>)	All
Information	Pattern Direction	Say pattern direction for runway <RunwayName>	All
Information	Assigned Altitude	Say assigned altitude for <CallSign>	

## General Terms

(xxxx)	Optional portion of phrase
(xxxx or xxxx)	Select one of multiple phrases
<xxxx>	<Phrase Variable>
<Altitude>	Flight Level 230, Twelve Thousand Feet, etc.
<ApproachType>	ILS Approach, RNAV Approach, Visual Straight In, VFR Pattern Entry, Overhead Pattern, etc.
<PatternLocation>	Left Downwind, Downwind, Base, Right Base, on Final, etc.
<ControllerType>	Clearance Delivery, Ground, Tower, etc.
<AirportLocation>	Refueling, GA Ramp, Cargo Ramp, etc.
<GateName>	C23 – "Charlie Two Three", etc.

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## The Aviator's Alphabet

An important aviation tool is communication. Pilots and ground personnel use the phonetic alphabet to help them [1], understand each other, and [2], avoid confusion with similar sounding consonants and numbers. As a Pilot2ATC user, you'll be expected to communicate with ATC using proper language and phraseology.

**EXAMPLE:** *Every aircraft has a tail number, like N248CG. When a pilot speaks with ATC or ground control, that plane would be identified as "November Two Four Eight Charlie Golf."*

Character	Pronunciation	Phonic Pronunciation
A	Alfa	(AL-FAH)
B	Bravo	(BRAH-VOH)
C	Charlie	(CHAR-LEE) or (SHAR-LEE)
D	Delta	(DELL-TAH)
E	Echo	(ECK-OH)
F	Foxtrot	(FOX-TROT)
G	Golf	(GOLF)
H	Hotel	(HOH-TEL)
I	India	(IN-DEE-AH)
J	Juliet	(JEW-LEE-ETT)
K	Kilo	(KEY-LOH)
L	Lima	(LEE-MAH)
M	Mike	(MIKE)
N	November	(NO-VEM-BER)
O	Oscar	(OSS-CAH)
P	Papa	(PAH-PAH)
Q	Quebec	(KEH-BECK)
R	Romeo	(ROW-ME-OH)
S	Sierra	(SEE-AIR-RAH)
T	Tango	(TANG-GO)
U	Uniform	(YOU-NEE-FORM) or (OO-NEE-FORM)
V	Victor	(VIK-TAH)
W	Whiskey	(WISS-KEY)
X	X-ray	(ECKS-RAY)
Y	Yankee	(YANK-KEY)
Z	Zulu	(ZOO-LOO)
1	One	(WUN)
2	Two	(TOO)
3	Three	(TREE)
4	Four	(FOW-ER)
5	Five	(FIFE)
6	Six	(SIX)
7	Seven	(SEV-EN)
8	Eight	(AIT)
9	Nine	(NIN-ER)
0	Zero	(ZEE-RO)
100	One-Hundred	(WUN-HUNDRED)
1,000	One-Thousand	(WUN-THOUSAND)
10,000	One Zero Thousand	(WUN-ZERO-THOUSAND)