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Spoken-Phonetic Alphabet

This alphabet started in the military, but is now used throughout the English speaking world by pilots and tele-operators to work out which letter is being said when you are talking. For example if I wanted to say, ADPTE, which would be much clearer than I could say Alpha, Delta, Papa, Tango, Echo

Alpha	Hotel	Oscar	Victor
Bravo	India	Papa	Whiskey
Charlie	Juliet	Quebec	X-ray
Delta	Kilo	Romeo	Yankee
Echo	Lima	Sierra	Zulu
Foxtrot	Mike	Tango	
Golf	November	Uniform	

The main use for this is when spelling names or codes. Try this with a number of unusual names and see if your partner can guess.

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Student Cards

Student A	Student B
ancient efficient conscience seismic sleight neighbour caffeine codeine	fiery leisure sheik chic pharaoh angel angle atone kaleidoscope

Teacher Instructions: Divide students into pairs and get each one to practice saying each word using the phonetic alphabet. (Hiding their paper from their partner) This is best done in a very noisy room... Try playing distracting music while the students do this exercise.