



# International Events

meeting Scouts worldwide

## The J-Code.

Developed by a group of National JOTA Organizers, following the idea of Dave Gemmell, NJO of South-Africa, the J-code aims to make a very basic communication possible between Scouts that have no language in common.

It is a fun way to try to link up with someone who you otherwise could not communicate with. The J-code is analogous to the Q-code often used by radio amateurs. The code can be used in radio contacts during the JOTA weekend. It is very well suited for IRC during the JOTI too.

### Personal

JWN = My name is .....

JFC = I come from .... (Country)

JHO = I am .... years old.

JWA = My address is .....

JEM = Our e-mail address is .....

JWL = The language I speak is ...

- 1 = English
- 2 = French
- 3 = Spanish
- 4 = Portugese
- 5 = Russian
- 6 = German
- 7 = Dutch
- 8 = Italian

### Scouting

JCS = I am a Cub Scout

JSC = I am a Scout.

JGI = I am a Guide.

JRS = I am a Rover Scout.

JRG = I am a Ranger Guide.

JLS = I am a Scout Leader.

JWG = I belong to the Group ....

JHJ = Happy JOTA / JOTI

JSW = Best Scouting wishes to you

### General

JAC = We are camping.

JWB = The weather here is ...

- 1 = overcast
- 2 = rainy
- 3 = very heavy rain
- 4 = snowy
- 5 = fine

In order to ask a question just add the letter "X" to the end of the particular code, e.g.:

JWN = My name is .....                      JWNX = What is your name?

JHO = I am ..... years old.                      JHOX = How old are you?

Imagine the following exchange between a Russian Scout in Wladiwostok and his friend-to-be in Caracas, Venezuela. All words can be spelled in the international spelling alphabet:

Doswe danja, JWN Dimitri  
Hola Dimitri, JWN Paco  
JHJ Paco, JFC Russia, QTH Wladiwostok. JWL 5  
OK Dimitri, QTH Caracas y JHO 12. JHOX  
JHO 14 Paco. JSC, JAC, JWB 4  
Muy bien, JSC y JWB 1. JSW Dimitri.  
JSW Paco.

Looks like code to you? Well, that's exactly what it is, the J-Code. Dimitri and his friend Paco would otherwise not be able to have this basic contact. Can you? Give it a try.

