



EXERCISE 1.1: MILITARY PHONETIC ALPHABET

Background: When the Command Post transmits a launch order to the Missile Crews, it wants to make sure its message is understood. Because some letters of the alphabet sound the same (like M and N or B and V), the Command Post uses the Military Phonetic Alphabet to make sure the Missile Crews hear and copy the correct message.

Directions: Take a few moments to study the Phonetic Alphabet below. Then answer the questions in the space provided.

Military Phonetic Alphabet:

A	“Alpha”	N	“November”
B	“Bravo”	O	“Oscar”
C	“Charlie”	P	“Papa”
D	“Delta”	Q	“Quebec”
E	“Echo”	R	“Romeo”
F	“Foxtrot”	S	“Sierra”
G	“Golf”	T	“Tango”
H	“Hotel”	U	“Uniform”
I	“India”	V	“Victor”
J	“Juliet”	W	“Whiskey”
K	“Kilo”	X	“X-ray”
L	“Lima”	Y	“Yankee”
M	“Mike”	Z	“Zulu”

Questions:

1. Spell your first name using the military phonetic alphabet in the space below.

2. Write a short sentence in the space below. Then translate the sentence using the military phonetic alphabet.

Original sentence:

Translation:

3. Write another sentence, and then translate it using the military phonetic alphabet. Now try reading the military phonetic alphabet sentence to a partner. Can your partner understand it? How long did it take your partner to translate it?