

# PHRASEOLOGY WORKSHEET ANSWER KEY:

1.) **Aye:** Aye is used to say “yes” or as an acknowledgement. When a command was given, those receiving the command would either repeat the command to acknowledge it, or respond with “aye” or “very well.”

2.) **Belay that:** Used to correct a mistake. For example, if the receiving station repeated a command back incorrectly, the sender would say “belay that” and repeat the command.

3.) **Has the Word:** This means that a message has been received and is being carried out. For instance:

Order: Tell Mr. R to check the gun access hatch.

Report: Mr. R has the word

4.) **Silence on the Line:** Used to in case of emergency to quiet all other stations. Stations can resume talking once they’ve heard the phrase “carry on.”

5.) **Fo-wer:** 4. Some numbers (and other words) are pronounced differently in the navy to avoid confusion. For instance, 9 is “niner,” and 3 is broken into two syllables: “thuh-ree.” Another method of preventing confusion while communicating was dictating a specific order of words. For instance, “first section” and “third section” sound too much alike, so sailors will say “section one” and “section thuh-ree” instead.

6.) **Starboard:** The right side of the boat. Comes from the fact that boats used to be steered from the right side, making it the “steer board.”

7.) **Port:** The left side of the boat. Comes from the fact that boats used to be docked with their left side facing the port.

8.) **O-Dark-Hundred:** Nighttime. The military uses a special system of time that runs on a 24 hour clock, rather than a 12 hour one. For any time between midnight and 10am, they say 0-time (for instance, 0-900 is 9 am). When it’s nighttime, and the sailor isn’t being specific, it’s “0-dark hundred.”

9.) **After:** Behind. This is used to describe location on a ship.

10.) **Show Your True Colors:** Reveal who you are (in a negative way). Comes from the pennants and flags warships used to show their nationality. Some ships would hoist false flags to put the enemy off their guard, before switching the flags when they were close enough to attack to their “true colors.”