

Airfreddy's **Guide on Learning To Fly**

**Step-by-Step Guide On the Private
Pilot License From Start To Finish**



Radio Procedures

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Radio Communications Handout

About your second flight the instructor should start having you talk on the radios. At first you will not feel comfortable doing this, but remember that it is just ENGLISH. If you end up having a problem, just talk to them and say “HELLO I WANT TO TAXI”. Ideally you don’t want to get in the habit of speaking to them like that, but I think you get my point. They are there to help you. Yes they have seen plenty of student pilots so just remember that you aren’t the first new student doing this and you won’t be the last. I have put together a handout just on radio procedures here. RADIO PROCEDURES

USING THE MICROPHONE: If you notice in your airplane there should be a microphone. Somewhere under the throttle quadrant of the plane you should see it hanging there. In the old days we used to use the microphones instead of headsets. In my first days of training my instructor had to yell at me.

Now most people will always use headsets. I think this is great but you want to make sure your instructor goes over using the microphone with you. If something happens with your push to talk switch, you will have no choice but to use the microphone. It is a good idea that you have your instructor make you use this at least for one entire flight. You don’t want to have to figure this out when you are up by yourself. Though it is just a small thing it can distract you from “FLYING

THE AIRPLANE” if you lose your push to talk when you are entering the traffic pattern.

CONTROLLED AIRPORTS: If you are at a controlled airport you just want to talk in the following order:

- 1: Who you are
- 2: Where you are
- 3: What you are (Cessna 172)
- 4: What you want (Taxi, takeoff, land)

UNCONTROLLED AIRPORTS: You say things in the same order:

- 1: Airport you are at (Stellar Traffic)
- 2: Who you are
- 3: Where you are
- 4: What you are
- 5: What you are going to do
- 6: Airport you are at Again (Stellar Traffic)

Just keep it simple and talk. Once your brain figures out that it is just English, it will be a lot easier for you. The Airmans Information Manual has a lot on radio communications.

[Airmans Information Manual](#)



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