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.

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<th>Alpha</th>
<th>Hotel</th>
<th>Oscar</th>
<th>Victor</th>
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<td>Bravo</td>
<td>India</td>
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<td>Charlie</td>
<td>Juliet</td>
<td>Quebec</td>
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<td>Delta</td>
<td>Kilo</td>
<td>Romeo</td>
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<td>Echo</td>
<td>Lima</td>
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<td>Foxtrot</td>
<td>Mike</td>
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<td>Golf</td>
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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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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.