## Enabling Predictive Text Entry Iridium Extreme

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Predictive text is implemented on the 9555 Satellite Phone and affects the following areas:

• Creating an SMS/Email

• Adding Notes to an existing Phonebook entry

• Entering the Name field for a Phonebook entry (LetterWise only)

Predictive text is not set on a new phone by default, it must be enabled. To do so, start at the main screen and:

1. Press the Menu softkey

2. Select "Setup" (6 clicks down)

3. In the Setup menu, select "Language" (3 clicks down)

4. In the Language menu, select "Text entry"

In the Text entry menu, Multi-tap is the default selection. Multi-tap has no language sensitivity, other than the fact that it provides standard Western characters. To choose predictive text, select one of:

• English

• Français

• Español

Once you have made this change, all SMS entry and entry of contacts

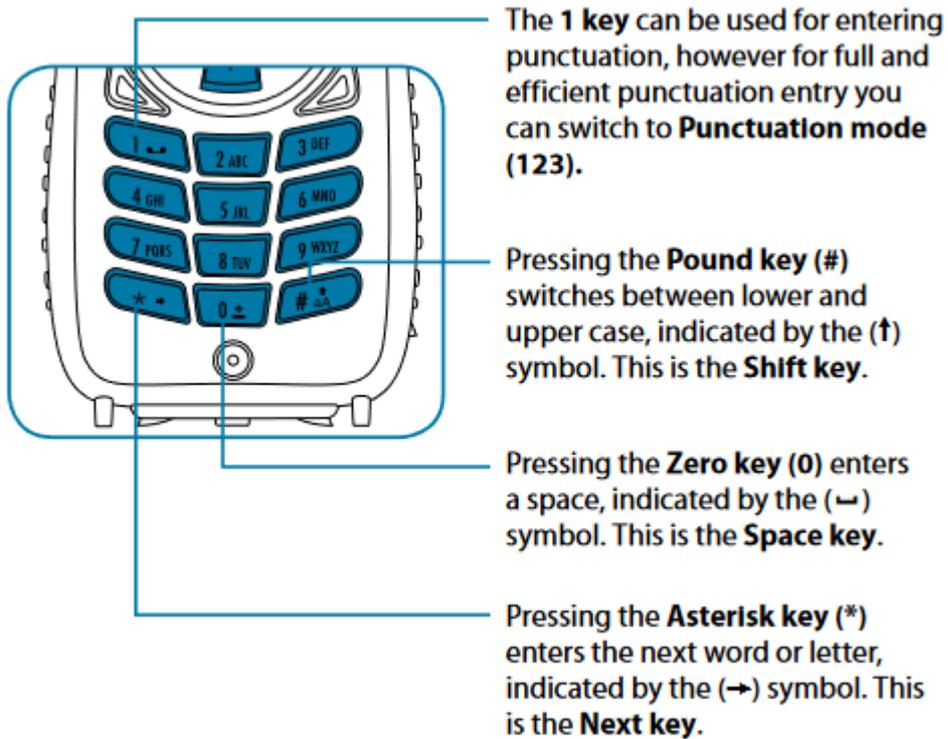incorporate Predictive Text capabilities specifi c to the selected language.

Once selected, select the "Back" option twice, then scroll up to "Messages" to use Predictive Text entry for messaging. To change back to "Multi-Tap" in the future, you need to adjust this setting.

Predictive text entry has the following modes:

• WordWise (Ww) which provides word prediction for users who like dictionary-based methods

• LetterWise (Lw) for letter-by-letter prediction for situations where word-based prediction doesn't afford the flexibility that may be required in some situations.

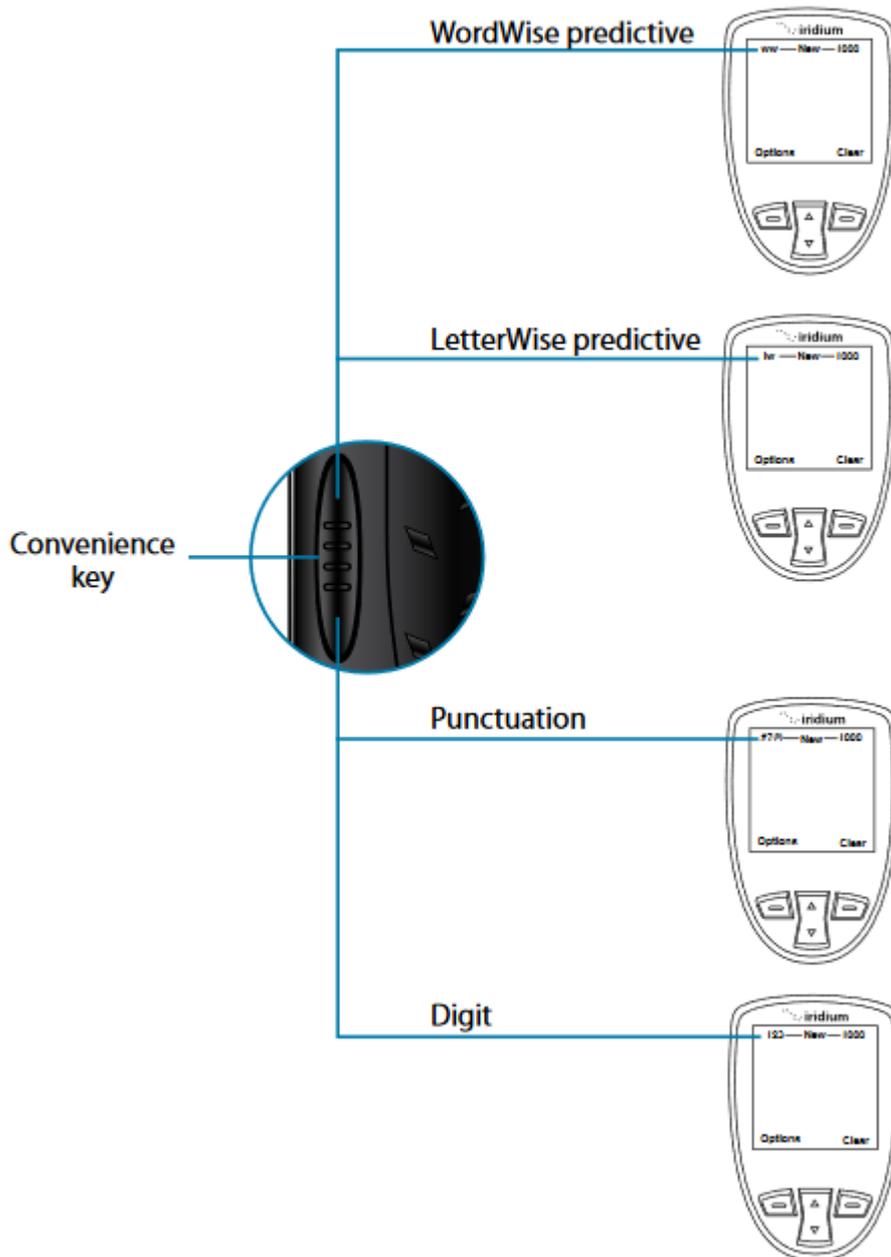Special character entry has the following modes:

• Punctuation (#?@) for entry of punctuation and special symbols

• Digit (123) for entry of numbers

The **1 key** can be used for entering punctuation, however for full and efficient punctuation entry you can switch to **Punctuation mode (123).**

Pressing the **Pound key (#)** switches between lower and upper case, indicated by the (↑) symbol. This is the **Shift key.**

Pressing the **Zero key (0)** enters a space, indicated by the (⊔) symbol. This is the **Space key.**

Pressing the **Asterisk key (*)** enters the next word or letter, indicated by the (→) symbol. This is the **Next key.**

To complete a message, you may need to switch between these four main modes of text entry during message creation:

• WordWise (Ww) - word predictive text entry

• LetterWise (Lw) - letter-by-letter predictive text entry

• Numbers (123) - number entry (non-predictive)

• Punctuation (#?@) - punctuation entry (non-predictive)

The appropriate text entry mode can be selected by pressing the Convenience key on the side of the 9555 Satellite Phone. The active text entry mode will be displayed on the screen as indicated in the illustrations.
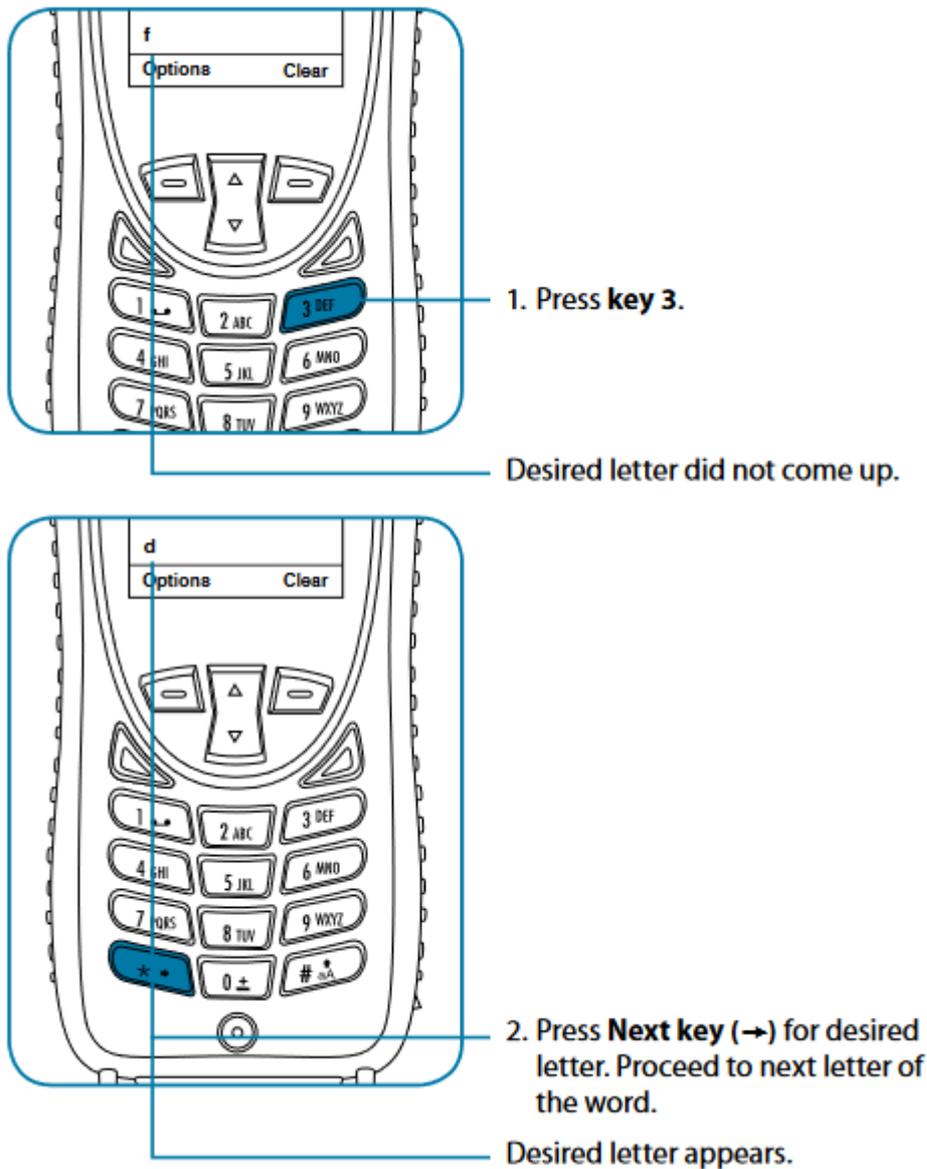
WordWise predictive

LetterWise predictive

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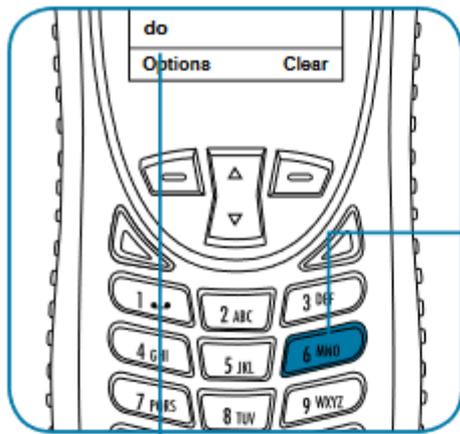
Punctuation

Digit

**LetterWise Text mode**

Press the Convenience key until you are in LetterWise (Lw) text mode.

Press the key with the desired letter. If it doesn't appear, press the Next key ( ) until it does. Use the Right Soft key (Clear) for backspace and Space key ( ) for space. Press the Shift key ( ) to switch between lower and upper case.

Note: Apostrophe (') for English entry and hyphen (-) for Russian entry are treated as letters (that is, can be predicted by LetterWise) and are found on key 5.
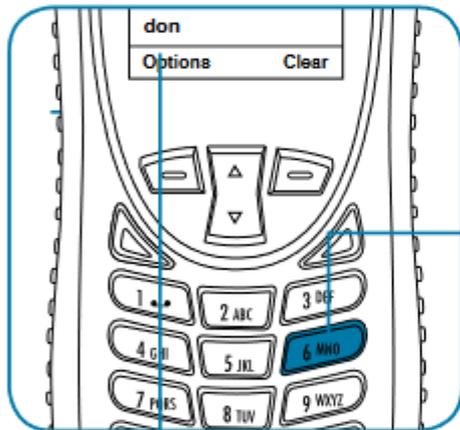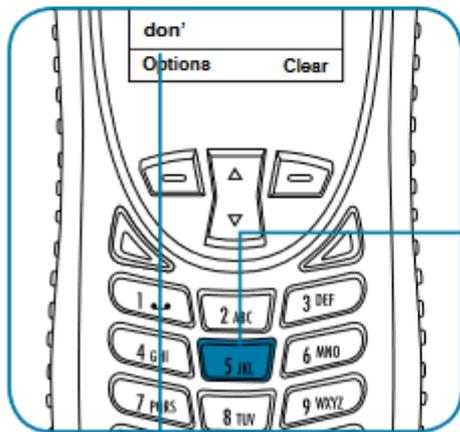
Example: Entering "don't"



1. Press **key 3**.

Desired letter did not come up.
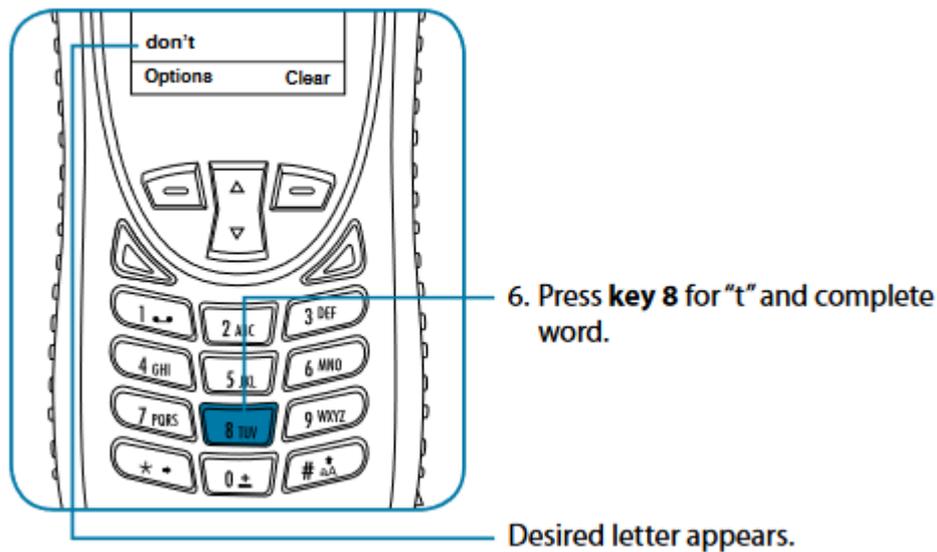
2. Press **Next key (→)** for desired letter. Proceed to next letter of the word.

Desired letter appears.

do

Options          Clear

3. Press **key 6**.

Desired letter appears.

don

Options          Clear

4. Press **key 6** again.

Desired letter appears.

don'

Options          Clear

5. Press **key 5** for apostrophe.

Apostrophe is predicted along with letters in English.

6. Press **key 8** for "t" and complete word.

Desired letter appears.

**WordWise Text mode**

Press the Convenience key until the "ww" symbol appears in the top left corner of the screen indicating that you have entered WordWise text entry mode. To enter text in WordWise, press the key containing the fi rst letter you want to type ONLY ONCE.

If the correct letter does not appear at first, continue by pressing the key that corresponds to the next letter in your text, and so on.
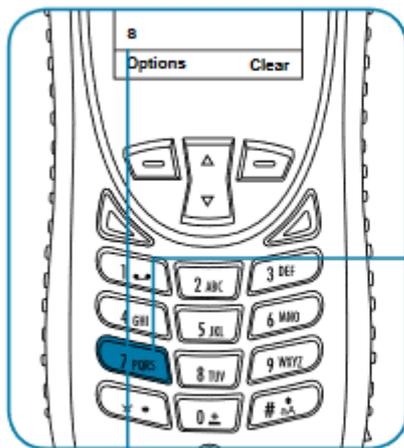After pressing the last key in the sequence, the word should appear.
However, if the word is underlined (or highlighted), it is possible that an alternate word (which happens to require the same key presses) appeared instead. Just press Next key until the desired word appears.
If the word you are entering is not found in any dictionary you can switch to LetterWise mode by pressing the convenience key and viewing the top left corner of the screen.

During use of WordWise, the 1 key can be used to insert punctuation without changing text entry modes. To insert punctuation, press the 1 key
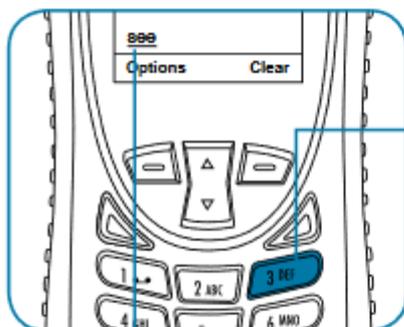
and then add the appropriate punctuation by using the Next key ( ). As

an alternative, you may also use the left option key either "Insert symbol"

or "Enter digits" during WordWise use. This also applies to LetterWise use
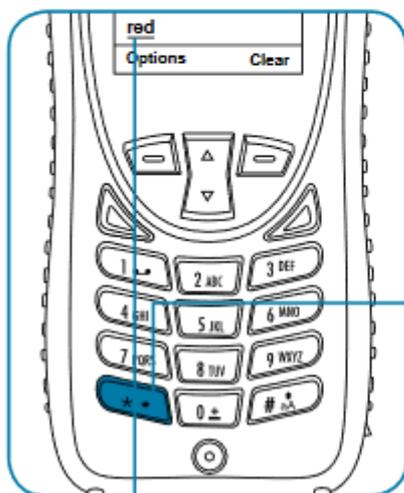
## Example: Entering "red"



1. Press **key 7**.

Even if the correct letter "r" has not appeared, proceed with the next letter in the word.

2. Press **key 3** twice for the next two letters "c & d".

The word "see" comes up which is more common than "red". The underline indicates there are other words to choose from.

3. Press **Next Key** (→).

The word "red" appears.

**Digit mode (123)**

There may be times when you need to add numbers into a message
that you are composing. Digit mode allows you to use the number keys
to enter digits, similar to dialing a phone call. To enter digit mode, press
the Convenience key until the 123 indicator appears on the upper left
corner of the screen. Enter the numbers required for your message and
then use the Convenience key to return to the desired text entry mode to
complete the rest of the message.

Digit mode may be entered either by pressing the Convenience key on
the side of the phone, or with the Options menu in the Create Message
editor to "Enter digits". During use of WordWise, the 1 key can be used to
insert punctuation without changing text entry modes.

## Punctuation mode (#?@)

Punctuation mode may be entered either by pressing the Convenience
key on the side of the phone, or with the Options menu in the Create
Message editor to "Insert symbol". During use of WordWise, the 1 key can
be used to insert punctuation without changing text entry modes.
In Punctuation mode, symbols are spread across all keys based on their
shape to help you remember which symbol is on each key (see table on
following page). For example: ! is on 1 key, ? is on key 2
If there is more than one symbol on a key, press the Next key ( ) to get
the others.

| Key | English/French/Russian/Spanish* |
|---|---|
| 0 | . , @ |
| 1 | ! |
| 2 | ? |
| 3 | % $ £ |
| 4 | _ |
| 5 | - + = " |
| 6 | ( < |
| 7 | / |
| 8 | : ; & |
| 9 | ) > |

* Spanish includes inverted versions of ! and ?.

Once you have selected the appropriate symbol for your message,

you may return to your preferred text entry mode by pressing the side

convenience key and viewing the top left corner of the screen.