Ground Control Tutorial

What is ground control?

 Ground control is the controller responsible for the movement of all the aircraft on the ground. Ground control tells a plane what runway to taxi to and what taxiways to use to get to that route.

Ground Control as Clearance Delivery?

- As stated in the Clearance Delivery tutorial, some airports do not have a clearance delivery frequency. These airports are usually smaller airports and have a part time control tower. In that case, the ground controller is the one that gives out the clearance.
 - Some of these airports include:
 - KTXK
 - KTYR
 - KJLN

• When to call Ground?

 A pilot should call ground whenever he or she is ready to move from the ramp to the taxiways. If doing pattern work at a large airport (Class B or C) then ground should be the first person they call and not clearance delivery since they are not departing the airspace.

Asking ground for pushback instructions?

 In the United States and this server, please do not call ground for pushback and start instructions UNLESS you are going to push back onto an active taxiway. Only then should you call up ground and ask for permission to pushback ONLY onto the taxiway.