

Back to School Code Breaker

First-week secret-code activity with A1Z26 (A=1 ... Z=26)

ANSWER KEY

Grades 2–6 • 20 minutes • Beginner • Answer key included

A back-to-school warm-up using the A1Z26 code, where A=1, B=2 ... Z=26. Encode each classroom word into numbers, decode the number clues into words, then crack the welcome message. Great as a first-day ice-breaker or an early-finisher task.

1. Encode the school word: PENCIL

Answer: 16 5 14 3 9 12

2. Encode the school word: TEACHER

Answer: 20 5 1 3 8 5 18

3. Encode the school word: RECESS

Answer: 18 5 3 5 19 19

4. Encode the school word: LIBRARY

Answer: 12 9 2 18 1 18 25

5. Encode the school word: SCIENCE

Answer: 19 3 9 5 14 3 5

6. Decode the number clue: 2 15 15 11

Answer: BOOK

7. Decode the number clue: 4 5 19 11

Answer: DESK

8. Decode the number clue: 3 12 1 19 19

Answer: CLASS

9. Decode the welcome message: 23 5 12 3 15 13 5 / 2 1 3 11 / 20 15 / 19 3 8 15 15 12

Answer: WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL