

Early Finisher Code Breakers

Quick, no-prep code puzzles in three difficulty levels

ANSWER KEY

Grades 3–7 • 5–15 minutes • Mixed • Answer key included

A no-prep mini-pack for students who finish early. Level 1 uses the A1Z26 code (A=1). Level 2 uses a Caesar cipher with a shift of 3. Level 3 uses the Atbash mirror alphabet (A=Z). Each puzzle takes just a few minutes; check your work against the answer key when you are done.

1. Level 1 — Decode (A=1): 3 1 20

Answer: CAT

2. Level 1 — Decode (A=1): 19 21 14

Answer: SUN

3. Level 1 — Encode (A=1): DOG

Answer: 4 15 7

4. Level 2 — Decrypt (Caesar shift 3): KHOOR

Answer: HELLO

5. Level 2 — Encrypt (Caesar shift 3): SUN

Answer: VXQ

6. Level 2 — Decrypt (Caesar shift 3): FDW

Answer: CAT

7. Level 3 — Decode (Atbash): GVHG

Answer: TEST

8. Level 3 — Encode (Atbash): CODE

Answer: XLWV

9. Level 3 — Decode (Atbash): SVOOL

Answer: HELLO