

Secret Code Activities for Kids

A mix of beginner ciphers and code-breaking puzzles

Grades 1–5 • 15 minutes • Beginner • Answer key included

Become a secret agent! Use the code system described in each question to encode or decode the message. Hints are included on the answer key.

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Use the Pigpen cipher grid to draw the symbol for the letter A

2. Write your first name using the A=1, B=2, C=3 code

3. Decode this backwards message: TERCES REPUS

4. Decode: 19-16-25 (A=1 code)

5. Write HIDE using the Skip-a-Letter cipher (A=C, B=D, C=E ...)

6. Mirror decode: bOOK (read in a mirror)

7. Decode the message: 19-20-1-18 (numbers = letter positions)

8. Make a secret code name using the Reverse Alphabet (A=Z, B=Y, C=X ...)

9. Crack the code: KHOOR ZRUOG (Caesar shift of 3, shift back)

10. Decode: 3-15-4-5 3-18-1-3-11-5-18 (A=1 code)
