



Secret Codes

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While reading

Chapters 1–2

1 Read this message. Can you write the words correctly?

People use EDOCS in their lives. We usually write full XSTTE but in Internet messages, a lot of MSYLSBO are used. They EEEPRNTRS different meanings. Our friends can IEECDPRH our messages quite well.

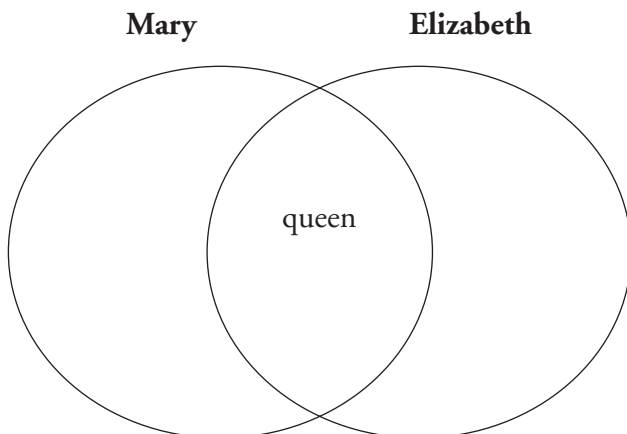
Sometimes, SANGG use their own EAABTHPL because they don't want people to understand what they are saying. they also write messages using OWRS and ULMONCS.

Chapters 3–4

2 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a Mary's mother was from France.
- b Mary married the King of France.
- c Henry VIII attacked Scotland although it was part of England.
- d Mary's second husband died of an illness.
- e Mary was a Catholic.
- f Henry VIII was Mary's father.
- g Many English people wanted Mary to be their queen because she was younger than Elizabeth.
- h Elizabeth helped Mary.
- i When Mary was in prison, her life was very difficult.
- j Elizabeth was the first queen to use spies.

3 Complete the diagram with the words in the below.



got married had a son was a Catholic
was a Protestant her father was a king
developed a cipher had a secretary
was killed at the age of 24

Chapters 5–6

4 Complete the sentences with one word from the box. Careful! There are two words you don't need.

bury clue email hobos pattern raise
secret slave trade

- a Once, a king hid a message on the head of a
 - b I've sent you an message with information about the company.
 - c Tom couldn't decipher the code, and he asked for a
 - d It's not necessary to the book. I can see it from here.
 - e That table over there has a lovely on it.
 - f Some thieves their stolen possessions for gold.
 - g If you those gold coins in the garden, you may not find them again.
- 5 Match the name and the correct words.
- a Baden Powell:
 - b Leonard Dawes:
 - c Braille:
 - d The Underground Railroad:
 - e The Ku Klux Klan:
- 1 was not born blind.
 - 2 used blankets for communication with hobos.
 - 3 spent many years in India and Africa.
 - 4 hated freed slaves.
 - 5 taught at a school.

Chapters 7–8

6 Match the name and the right words.

- a Arthur Conan Doyle ...
 - b Edgar Allan Poe ...
 - c Somerset Maugham ...
 - d Dalton Trumbo ...
 - e Dan Brown ...
- 1 was against war.
 - 2 could speak three languages.
 - 3 wrote stories for the newspaper.
 - 4 was a doctor.
 - 5 loves ciphers.



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7 Rewrite these sentences with the words given.

- a Somebody has murdered the man with the light.
The man
- b Somebody burnt a box full of papers.
A box
- c Somebody was sending secret information to Paris.
Secret information
- d Somebody has built several stations.
Several stations

8 Rewrite the characters' words. Begin with ... said / asked ...

- a 'I want to have information immediately,' said Clytemnestra.
.....
- b 'How can we make money?' asked Claude Chappe.
.....
- c 'Have you heard about electrical magnets?' asked Morse.
.....
- d 'Have you broken the code?' asked the British government.
.....
- e 'Would you like to see Enigma?' asked Scherbius.
.....

9 Choose the correct name.

- a *Musgrave / Doyle / Trevor* was a friend of Holmes'.
- b *Poe / Conan Doyle / Maugham* wanted his readers to send him coded messages.
- c *Poe / Conan Doyle / Maugham* did spy work for Britain.
- d *Poe's / Brown's / Maugham's* book was translated into 44 languages.
- e *Clytemnestra / The Greeks / The Chappe brothers* invented a mechanical semaphore.
- f Enigma was invented by *Turing / Morse / Scherbius*.

Chapters 9–10

10 Rewrite these two sentences as one sentence.

- a Cockney is a form of English. It's spoken in England.
- b Pig Latin is easy to learn. It can be spoken in two different ways.
- c Phillip Johnson knew a lot about Navajo. He had an unusual idea.
- d Body language is not easy to understand. It is a secret language.
- e The Masons are a large international group. They have a secret handshake.

Chapters 11–12

11 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a Chapter 11 is about languages which people still use.
- b There are only a few symbols in hieroglyphics.
- c The Rosetta stone was made of clay.
- d Cuneiform did not last for a very long time.
- e Codes have always been broken because they weren't very difficult to decipher.
- f The Mayan language was as old as Egyptian hieroglyphics.
- g Scientists are still interested in communicating with people from another world.

After reading

12 Write one sentence about each of the stories.

13 Make cover for the book.

Include the title, the writer's name and the name of the publisher.



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Chapters 1–2

1 Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)?

- a A symbol and a cipher are the same.
- b Codes are only letters and numbers.
- c Red represents the same meaning all over the world.
- d Ciphers are always very complex and difficult.
- e Language is a code.
- f The Vigenère cipher was invented in the 1500's.
- g Babbage created a code.
- h The Crimean war was fought in the Black Sea area.
- i Julius Caesar's cipher was developed by his soldiers.
- j Flags were completely useless without a telescope.
- k A wrong message is a message that cannot be deciphered.

Chapters 3–4

2 What happened first? Put the sentences in order and number them, 1–10.

- a King James married a French lady.
- b King James died.
- c Mary became Elizabeth's prisoner.
- d Mary became the Queen of the Scots.
- e Mary got married to Francis.
- f Mary got married to Stewart.
- g Mary married Lord Bothwell.
- h Mary was born.
- i Mary was sent to France.
- j Mary's second husband was killed.

Chapters 5–6

3 Which is correct? Circle 1, 2 or 3.

- a To hide messages, people can use ...
 - 1 milk.
 - 2 ink.
 - 3 slaves.
- b A circle with a dot means ...
 - 1 Baden Powel is dead.
 - 2 a person is buried here.
 - 3 gone home.
- c The Mogols ...
 - 1 were slaves.
 - 2 hid messages in food.
 - 3 didn't eat mooncakes.

d In China, a stamp upside down on a letter means ...

- 1 the sender didn't have enough time.
 - 2 there's a love letter inside.
 - 3 there's a secret message inside.
- e Many years ago, hobos in the United States ...
- 1 decorated houses with drawings.
 - 2 had a special alphabet.
 - 3 used drawings to communicate with other hobos.

Chapters 7–8

4 Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)?

- a *Johnny Got His Gun* is a spy story.
- b There are clues to solve *The Da Vinci Code* on the cover.
- c Kryptos is a spy who worked for the CIA.
- d The cipher tube was Dan Brown's invention.
- e Clytemnestra was a queen.
- f The Greeks used signal fires.
- g SOS is a Morse code signal.

Chapters 9–10

5 Match the two parts.

- a Cockney ...
- b Pig Latin ...
- c Navajo ...
- d Body language ...
- e American Sign Language ...
 - 1 has no written form.
 - 2 is only understood in America.
 - 3 is an invented language.
 - 4 is easy to understand in children.
 - 5 is spoken in England.

Chapters 11–12

6 Choose the correct answer.

- a It was easy to understand *old Greek / Demotic / hieroglyphics*.
- b *Ptolemy / Champollion / Ramses* discovered how to read hieroglyphics.
- c The languages on the rock in Behistun and the Rosetta stone are *similar / the same / different*.
- d The French *helped / killed / liked* Mata Hari.
- e The Mayan language didn't have *gods / tools / numbers*.