

Cracking codes

Here is a very simple code where each letter is represented by a number:



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

a. What does this message mean? 20 8 9 19/3 15 4 5/9 19/5 1 19 25

b. Write the numbers that represent the words TOP SECRET.

Creating codes

Make up your own secret code using the alphabet below. You could represent each letter as:

- ❖ numbers or other letters
- ❖ shapes or patterns
- ❖ dots and dashes, like Morse code
- ❖ symbols.

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Write a message in your code for a friend to crack. Make sure you give him/her a copy of the code!