

Can You Crack The Code?

A man on a tall, fast horse just rode up quickly, handed you a message and turned and galloped away.

Opening the message, you find:

UIFFOFNZJTSJHIUCFIJJOEZPVCDFBSFGVM

What does this jumble of letters mean? During the Civil War, spies put letters in code so the enemy couldn't read them. So this must be a secret code!

Let's try something, what if you changed each letter in the code message to the one that comes before it alphabetically?

U = T

I = H

F = E

We've just spelled The! This must be the way to break the code!

~~U~~~~I~~~~F~~~~F~~ O F N Z J T S J H I U C F I
J O E Z P V C F D B S F G V M

Keep going, what do you get?

T H E _ _ _ _ _

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Now, break your secret message up into words!

What you need:

◆ Pencil

Your thinking caps!

Send your own secret message!

What you need:

◆ Pencil

◆ Scrap Paper

◆ A super secret message!

Using your secret message, take out all the spaces and punctuation, then capitalize every letter. Next, on a new sheet of paper copy your message by changing every letter to the next one in the alphabet (A=B, B=C, C=D, etc).

Send your coded message to a friend!

A
B
C
D
E
F
G
H
I
J
K
L
M
N
O
P
Q
R
S
T
U
V
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X
Y
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