

Secret Pig Pen Code

You don't have to print out this puzzle to do it.



A code is a way of telling someone something without letting other people know what you are saying. This is a secret code called the "Pig Pen Code" and was used by the Scouts. It uses shapes to tell you (and the person you are send the message to) which letter you want to communicate. If you would like to learn how to use this code and send a secret message to a friend, keep reading.

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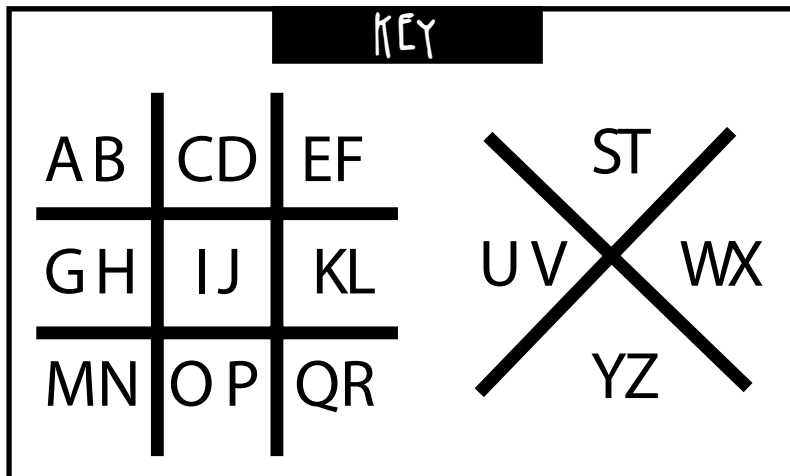
(That is what these symbols say.)

Here is how it works. You write just the shape of the brackets below (in the key) to indicate which letter you are sending in your message. You only use the lines that surround the letter you are trying to write.

Example:

- └┘ - this is "A" because it uses the lines to the bottom and right of the letter "A"
- ┐ - this is "B" because it is the same position as "A" but the dot in the middle tells you it is the second letter in that position.

You can use this key (below) to tell you what symbols to use with each letter. Give this key to a friend and you can send secret messages and no one will know what your messages says (unless they have the key). Keep the key secret. You can even change it if you like.



If you don't understand how it works, ask someone older or a parent to help you. Once you get it, it will be super easy. Maybe some day you can be a spy!