



30 SECRET MESSAGES

JOKES & RIDDLES



SECRET MESSAGE PUZZLES

Secret Message Puzzles (or Cryptograms) are great for teaching problem solving that helps in math, science, and computer programming. And they're super fun, too! These 30 puzzles all have plenty of hints to get new puzzlers started on this fun word game. They'll also be practicing letter recognition and early reading skills.

You can do these together as a class, use them as a bell ringer or down-time activity, or give them as homework or extra credit.

Learning from Games



Letter combinations

Problem solving

Code breaking

Perseverance

Level: Medium



Secret
Message

What did the gum say to the shoe?

I A
3 0 8 7 10 4 2 9

N
5 1 6 5 4

0=A 1=N 2= 3=I 4=

5= 6= 7= 8= 9=

10=



Secret
Message

Why do hens lay eggs?

3 8 4 12 17 13 8 7 15

T Y
9 5 8 1 16 11 6 10 10 8 16

T
9 5 8 2 9 5 8 1

W
18 6 17 14 16 3 11 8 12 0

0= 1=Y 2= 3= 4= 5=

6= 7= 8= 9=T 10= 11=

12= 13= 14= 15= 16= 17=

18=W



30 Cryptogram Riddles

What's Included:

- 30 jokes and riddles in secret message puzzles with a few hints filled in
- An answer key at the back

How to Play:

Kids can use their knowledge of common words and letter combinations to figure out the missing letters and enter them into the key at the bottom. Complete the key reveals the riddle.



Secret Message

Did you hear the joke about the dull pencil?

T N T
6 4 10 6 10 8 7 4

E N
3 1 9 5 1 8 2

N T
0 7 6 8 4

0= 1= 2= 3= 4= T
5= E 6= 7= 8= N 9=
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