



CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS

72 JOKES & RIDDLES: BEGINNER





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 72 puzzles are all at the beginner level to help young kids learn the rudimentary skill of using a code. 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.

Christmas Jokes



Secret Message


What do Santa's helpers learn at school?

1 4 3

- !
3 5 6 2 0 3 1

0= 1= 2= 3=
4= 5= 6=

Letter combinations
Problem solving
Code breaking
Perseverance



Secret Message

Why was the snowman sorting carrots?


6 4 9 10 11

7 2 8 1 2 0 5 6 2 11

!
0 3 11 4

0= 1= 2= 3= 4=
5= 6= 7= 8= 9=
10= 11=

72 Beginner Cryptograms



What's Included:

- 72 jokes in cryptogram form, each on a half sheet of paper
- The key is filled in at the bottom
- An answer key at the back
- Black and white and A4 (international) versions of all the pages

How to Play:

Transfer the letters from the key at the bottom to the appropriate box at the top by matching up the numbers. When all letters are transferred, the answer to the riddle will be revealed.

Secret Message

What do Santa's helpers learn at school?

3 0 5

5 2 6 - 4 1 5 3 !

0=H 1=B

4=A 5=E

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Secret Message

Why was the snowman sorting carrots?

6 4 9 10 11

7 2 8 1 2 0 5 6 2 11

0=A 1=E 2=O 3=S 4=N

5=K 6=L 7=F 8=W 9=S

10=A 11=G

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MORE LEARNING

For older kids, or kids who are ready for more advanced puzzles, you can get these same riddles with only a few letters entered into the key, or a hard version with only a single letter filled in.

Kids will need to use their knowledge of common words, letter combinations, and patterns to help them solve the riddle. They'll need to look for clues in the length of the words and in guesses about what the phrase is likely to be. It's a wonderful mix of pattern recognition, spelling, problem solving, and even computer science as they test out possible solutions to see if they work.

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