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Secret Codes & Ciphers: When most people think of making (creating) or cracking (solving) a secret code, they are not talking about codes at all. They are talking about ciphers. What's the difference? A code is a system where every word in your message is replaced by another word or symbol. A cipher is a system where every letter of your message is replaced by another letter or symbol.

Here is a simple cipher 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

1. Based on the cipher above, what does this message mean? 3-1-14 25-15-21 18-5-1-4 20-8-9-19?

2. Write the numbers that represent the words: TOP SECRET AGENT

3. Make your own cipher below. You can represent each letter as: numbers, other letters or even symbols.

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

4. Write a message for a friend using your cipher. Be sure to give them a copy of the cipher.

