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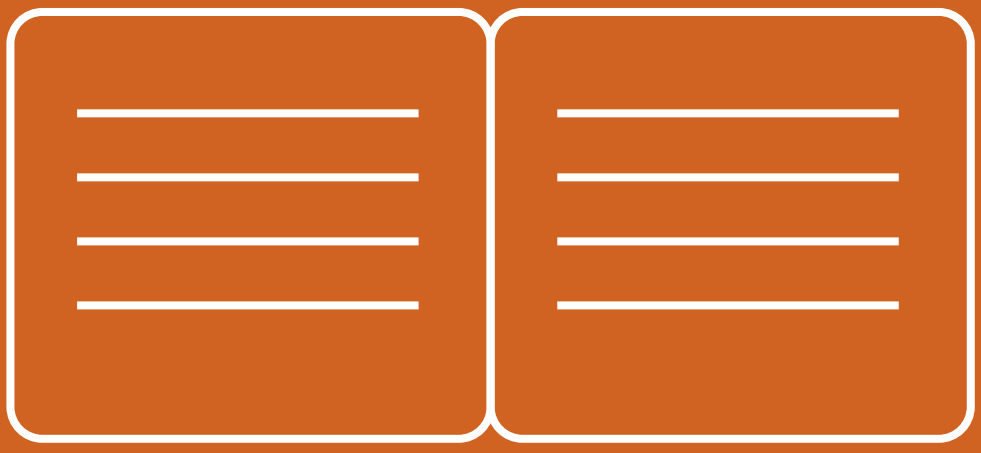
The Secret Code Post Office

Four playful code missions with reusable sheets and explained answers for ages 7-9



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One useful result

Four playful code missions with reusable sheets and explained answers for ages 7-9. Work through one lesson at a time, then use the three printable worksheets on a real, low-stakes situation.

Your route through this mini book

1. Mission 1: the number mailbox

2. Mission 2: the backward delivery

3. Mission 3: the next-letter stamp

4. Mission 4: invent a fair code

Read the lesson, compare the worked example and complete the action. Pages 7-9 are writing sheets; page 10 helps you review the result. The editable Markdown companion contains the same prompts for reuse in a notes app.

Ages 7-9, with optional grown-up reading help. A printable activity mini book with explained practice answers. Game codes only; never use them to protect real private information.

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Mission 1: the number mailbox

In this pretend post office, letters become numbers. Use A=1, B=2, C=3 and continue to Z=26. Spaces separate words. A dash separates numbers inside a word. Write the alphabet with its numbers before you start; guessing is harder than using the key. This is a game code, not a safe way to protect real passwords or private messages. A grown-up may help with reading.

Worked example

Try decoding 3-1-20. The numbers give C, A and T, so the answer is CAT. Now decode 4-15-7 and 2-9-18-4. Check: DOG and BIRD. To send SUN, write 19-21-14.

Try it now

Decode 2-15-15-11 and 16-5-14. Then encode MAP and HAT. Answers: BOOK; PEN; 13-1-16; 8-1-20. Explain one answer by pointing to each letter on your key.

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