

## How to Create a Secret Code

Creating a secret code can be as simple or as complex as you want. Here are some strategies you could use.

### 1. Substitution Cipher

Replace each letter with another letter. Shift each letter forward by 3 in the alphabet:

- Write the alphabet in a row.
- Write a shifted alphabet underneath.
- Replace each letter in your message with the shifted letter.

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
D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C

### 2. Reverse Cipher

Use the system below to make the cipher a little more complicated. Write the alphabet in reverse. Write each word in reverse.

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
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

Meet me in front of the school. → Teem em ni tnorf fo eht loolhcs.

### 3. Split the alphabet in half and replace each letter with its opposite.

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
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

### 4. Use what is known as Pig Latin. This code is accomplished by moving the first letter from each word and attaching it to the end of the word. Then add the suffix /ay/ to the end of the word.

Meet me in front of the school. → Eetmay emay niay rontfay foay hetay choolsay.