

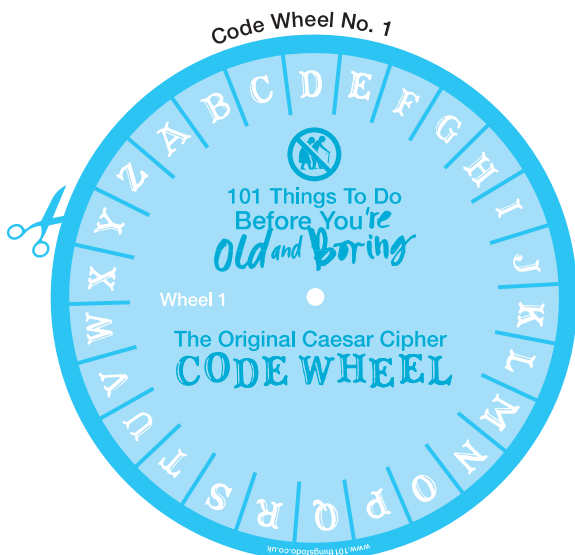


Invent a Secret Code

While you may want to share your secrets with a few trusted friends, certain nosy parkers (including parents and teachers) should be prevented from finding them out at all costs! Keep your confidential information strictly between you and your friends by inventing a secret code.

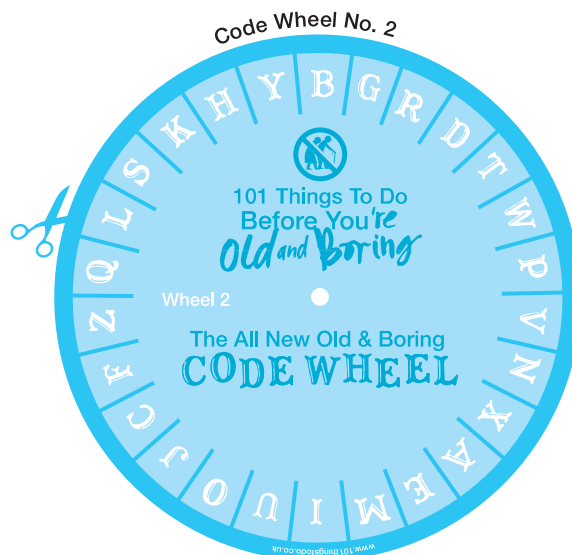
Zkdw Grhv Wklv Vdb?

The most basic way to create a code is to swap around the letters in the alphabet (or swap letters for numbers). A code wheel will help you do this. Turn the inner wheel to pick a new code. To make the code harder, write the letters in a random order (not alphabetical) on the inner wheel. If you want to use numbers instead (or a mixture of both), write these in place of the letters on the inner wheel. Don't go for anything too obvious like A=Z, B=Y, C=X etc. or A=1, B=2, C=3 etc. Code breakers are bound to check these first. However, it does help to choose one that's memorable. Change your code frequently to put potential code breakers off the scent, but make sure your friends know when you're doing this so they can adjust their code wheel to match yours!



The Caesar Cipher

Julius Caesar used the code below in 50bc!
Try it out, but be warned – it isn't one of the hardest to crack!



The All New Old & Boring Code

This one is much harder to crack due to the letters being completely random.

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