

Calendar codes

Codes let us send secret messages.

The code described here uses the days in a calendar for the message letters.

You will need

A calendar (and the person you send your message to will also need a calendar for the same year).

A number code grid. For a number code grid you will need to write the numbers 1 to 26 under the letters of the alphabet.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Step 1 Write your message in number code. For example: CAT = 3, 1, 20.

Step 2 Turn your calendar to any month and find the message numbers in the date.

June						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					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	27	28	29	30

Row 1 for Sunday

Row 1 for Saturday

Step 3 Look at the days of the week that date falls on. Write the initial for that day.

You will have to use T# for Thursday and S# for Saturday to save confusion with Tuesday and Sunday. Example: C = S (3 is a Sunday).

Step 4 You will see that there are four or five days each month with the same initial, as there are four or five numbers (dates) under each day.

As 3 is the first Sunday of that month (on Row 1) write 1 next to the initial.

For example: C now equals S1. T is 20 so it becomes W3. CAT is now S1, F1, W3.

To decode

Turn to the calendar month you have been told to use, and use the reverse process.

For W3 look at Wednesday and find the number in the third row down. Swap this for the letter on the number grid at the top of the page.