



## SPIES- WWII CODE BREAKING

Cryptography, or secret codes were used extensively during World War II to send important information in coded form to prevent the messages being intercepted by the enemy. To make it harder there were several different codes which could be used.

In 1923, Arthur Scherbius, a German engineer, developed his 'Enigma' machine, which transcribed coded information. The enigma machine enabled the operator to type in a message which was then scrambled using wheels and rotors. The receiver needed to know the exact setting of the rotors to de-code the message at the other end. He hoped to sell it to companies, but it was soon being used by the army and air force and was one of the main ways of writing encrypted messages during WWII.

During WWII staff based at Bletchley Park in England were trying to de-code encrypted German “enigma” messages to pass the information on to the Allied forces. This form of spy work was a very important contribution to the eventual defeat of Hitler’s forces.

**On the next page is a code- it replaces letters of the alphabet with symbols. We have written out a coded message for you to try and decipher.**

**Other spy methods used during WWII include; sending messages by carrier pigeon, invisible writing in lemon juice and even making up their own language! Why not try making up your own secret messages. You can use our code or make up your own one with numbers, letters or symbols perhaps.**

**Can you decipher the message on the next page using the code provided?**





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