

CIPHER CHALLENGE 007

THE CASE OF THE PORCH LIGHT THAT STAYED ON

Required Tool: Decoder C – Captain Harlene Cipher

Junior Detectives, take your time with this one.

Decoder C is the hardest cipher in the Maplewood Gazette Codebook. Some coded letters use numbers, and some numbers have two digits. To help you decode the message correctly, each cipher symbol has been separated with hyphens.

Work slowly. Check each symbol carefully. The best detectives never rush the truth.

A coded note was found near the old Bennett house on Willow Street.

Captain Harlene believes it contains the first clues about the porch light.

Use Decoder C to decode each message.

MESSAGE #1

8-V-S ____ 4-3-6-Q-V ____ Z-W-U-V-8 ____ 7-8-O-13-S-R ____ 3-2

MESSAGE #2

Z-3-3-Y ____ 2-S-O-6 ____ 8-V-S ____ 7-W-R-S ____ T-Z-3-11-S-6-P-S-R-7

MESSAGE #3

8-V-S ____ 1-9-R ____ 11-O-7 ____ T-6-S-7-V

MESSAGE #4

P-9-R ____ T-3-9-2-R ____ O ____ T-3-3-8-4-6-W-2-8 ____ W-2-7-W-R-S

MESSAGE #5

S-1-4-8-13 ____ V-3-9-7-S-7 ____ 7-8-W-Z-Z ____ V-O-10-S ____ 7-8-3-6-W-S-7

DETECTIVE DEBRIEF

Good work, Detective.

The porch light was only the beginning.

A quiet clue can still shine bright if someone takes the time to notice it.

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Junior Detectives, continue using Decoder C carefully.

Remember: each hyphen separates one cipher symbol. Decode one symbol at a time, then write the full message on the line below.

A second coded message was discovered inside the empty Bennett house.

Captain Harlene believes it explains why the light kept returning every night.

Use Decoder C to decode each message.

MESSAGE #1

8-V-S ____ Z-W-U-V-8 ____ R-W-11-S-R ____ P-S-T-3-6-S ____ W-8 ____ P-6-W-U-V-8-S-2-S-R

MESSAGE #2

8-V-S ____ Q-Z-3-Q-Y ____ Q-V-W-1-S-R ____ O-8 ____ S-W-U-V-8 ____ T-W-T-8-S-S-2

MESSAGE #3

7-3-1-S-3-2-S ____ S-2-8-S-6-S-R ____ 8-V-6-3-9-U-V ____ 8-V-S ____ 7-W-R-S ____ 13-O-6-R

MESSAGE #4

8-V-S ____ Z-S-8-8-S-6-7 ____ 11-S-6-S ____ 3-4-S-2-S-R ____ 6-S-Q-S-2-8-Z-13

MESSAGE #5

2-3-8 ____ S-10-S-6-13 ____ U-V-3-7-8 ____ W-7 ____ O ____ U-V-3-7-8

DETECTIVE DEBRIEF

Excellent work.

This mystery was not about fear.

It was about memory, timing, and someone returning to a place that still mattered.

CIPHER CHALLENGE 009

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Required Tool: Decoder C – Captain Harlene Cipher

Junior Detectives, this is the final Decoder C challenge.

Take it one symbol at a time. If a clue seems difficult, slow down and look again. Maplewood's hardest messages are often the ones most worth solving.

One final coded message was found in the Maplewood Gazette archives.

Captain Harlene believes it closes the case.

Use Decoder C to decode each message.

MESSAGE #1

8-V-S ____ P-S-2-2-S-8-8 ____ V-3-9-7-S-7 ____ 11-O-7 ____ 2-3-8 ____ V-O-9-2-8-S-R

MESSAGE #2

S-Z-W ____ 6-S-8-9-6-2-S-R ____ S-O-Q-V ____ 2-W-U-V-8 ____ O-T-8-S-6 ____ 11-3-6-Y

MESSAGE #3

8-V-S ____ 4-3-6-Q-V ____ Z-W-U-V-8 ____ 6-S-1-S-1-P-S-6-S-R ____ 7-3-1-S-3-2-S

MESSAGE #4

T-O-1-W-Z-13 ____ 1-S-1-3-6-W-S-7 ____ Q-O-2 ____ T-S-S-Z ____ Z-W-Y-S ____ Q-Z-9-S-7

MESSAGE #5

Q-O-7-S ____ Q-Z-3-7-S-R ____ U-6-S-O-8 ____ 11-3-6-Y ____ R-S-8-S-Q-8-W-10-S

DETECTIVE DEBRIEF

Outstanding work, Detective.

You followed the light, decoded the clues, and uncovered the truth behind the old Bennett house.

Remember:

Some lights stay on because someone still needs them.