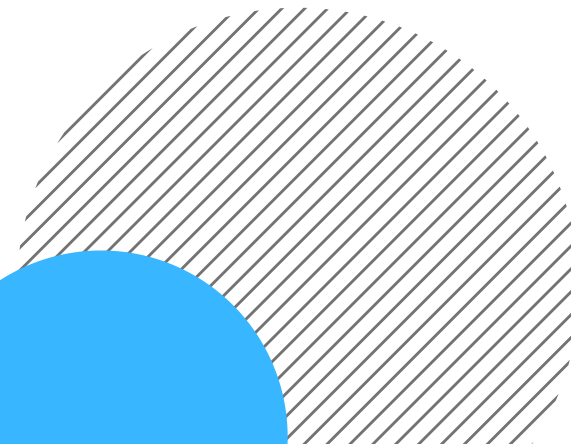


# INTRO TO CODING WORKSHEETS

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# ACTIVITY 1: Caesar Cipher

ENCODING EXAMPLE:

KEY: A → \_

H E L L O  
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓

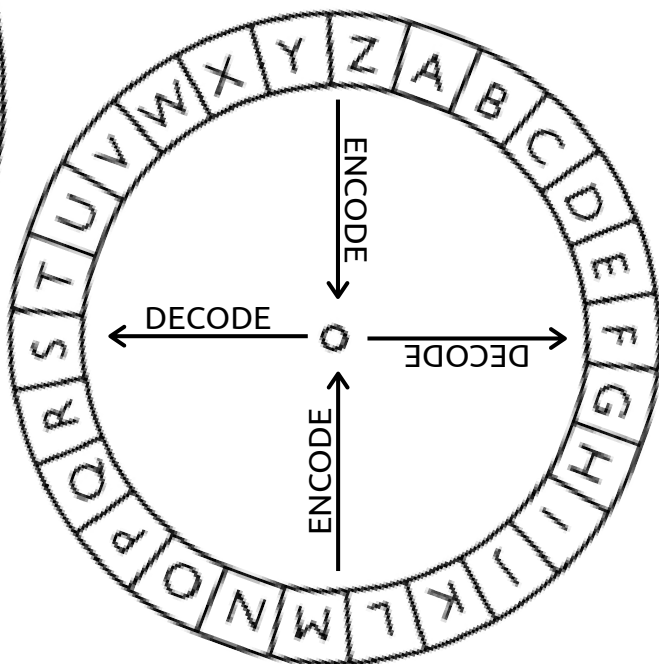
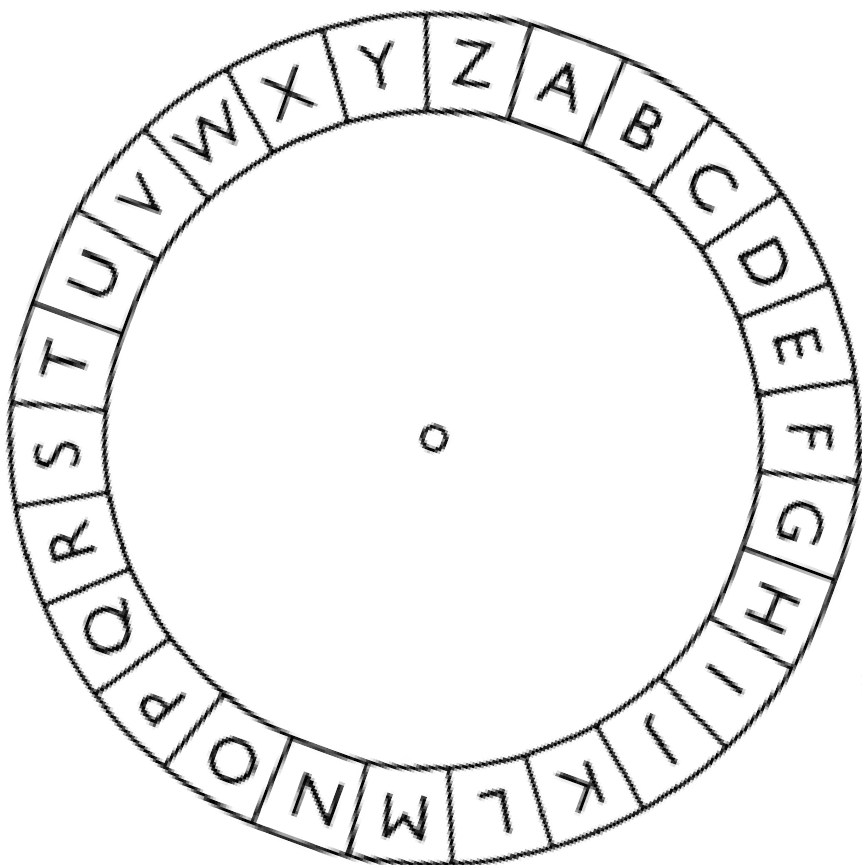
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DECODING EXAMPLE:

KEY: A → \_

— — — — —  
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓

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# ACTIVITY 1: Caesar Cipher

## YOUR CHALLENGE

Decode the following message in the blank space below:

**xf tdl krikrej!**

KEY: A → R

**FINAL MESSAGE:**

!

# ACTIVITY 2: Binary Code

## ASCII CHART: CHARACTERS TO BINARY

0	0011 0000	O	0100 1111	m	0110 1101
1	0011 0001	P	0101 0000	n	0110 1110
2	0011 0010	Q	0101 0001	o	0110 1111
3	0011 0011	R	0101 0010	p	0111 0000
4	0011 0100	S	0101 0011	q	0111 0001
5	0011 0101	T	0101 0100	r	0111 0010
6	0011 0110	U	0101 0101	s	0111 0011
7	0011 0111	V	0101 0110	t	0111 0100
8	0011 1000	W	0101 0111	u	0111 0101
9	0011 1001	X	0101 1000	v	0111 0110
A	0100 0001	Y	0101 1001	w	0111 0111
B	0100 0010	Z	0101 1010	x	0111 1000
C	0100 0011	a	0110 0001	y	0111 1001
D	0100 0100	b	0110 0010	z	0111 1010
E	0100 0101	c	0110 0011	.	0010 1110
F	0100 0110	d	0110 0100	,	0010 0111
G	0100 0111	e	0110 0101	:	0011 1010
H	0100 1000	f	0110 0110	;	0011 1011
I	0100 1001	g	0110 0111	?	0011 1111
J	0100 1010	h	0110 1000	!	0010 0001
K	0100 1011	i	0110 1001	'	0010 1100
L	0100 1100	j	0110 1010	"	0010 0010
M	0100 1101	k	0110 1011	(	0010 1000
N	0100 1110	l	0110 1100	)	0010 1001
				space	0010 0000

# ACTIVITY 2: Binary Code

Convert your name into binary using the ASCII chart on the previous page!

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR CHALLENGE: Decode the following message back into English. The last word is your secret word!**

01011001 01101111 01110101 00100000 01110011 01101111 01101100 01110110

01100101 01100100 00100000 01101101 01100101 00101100 00100000 01100011

01101111 01101110 01100111 01110010 01100001 01110100 01110011 00100001

**MESSAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

# ACTIVITY 3: Algorithm Sketch

Follow the video instructions as closely as possible, and draw your sketch below!



What are 3 better algorithm steps, or pieces of instruction, that would have made your picture look more like the example one?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# ACTIVITY 4: Live Debugging

Write your original shoe-tying algorithm steps here:

As you're testing, write 5 ways that you had to debug your algorithm, and make it more specific for the "computer" to follow.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

# ACTIVITY 5: Algorithm Board Game

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	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	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	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	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	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	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
						★							



**START EACH ROUND HERE**



# ACTIVITY 5: Algorithm Board Game

1. MOVE FORWARD  
MOVE FORWARD  
TURN RIGHT  
MOVE FORWARD  
TURN LEFT  
MOVE FORWARD  
MOVE FORWARD  
MOVE FORWARD  
MOVE FORWARD

ENDING LETTER: \_\_\_\_\_

2. LOOP 4 TIMES:  
MOVE FORWARD  
TURN RIGHT  
LOOP 6 TIMES:  
MOVE FORWARD  
TURN LEFT  
LOOP 6 TIMES:  
MOVE FORWARD  
TURN LEFT  
LOOP 4 TIMES:  
MOVE FORWARD

ENDING LETTER: \_\_\_\_\_

3. MOVE FORWARD  
MOVE FORWARD  
TURN LEFT  
MOVE FORWARD  
IF ON D :  
TURN LEFT  
MOVE FORWARD  
TURN LEFT  
IF ON P :  
MOVE FORWARD  
MOVE FORWARD  
MOVE FORWARD

ENDING LETTER: \_\_\_\_\_

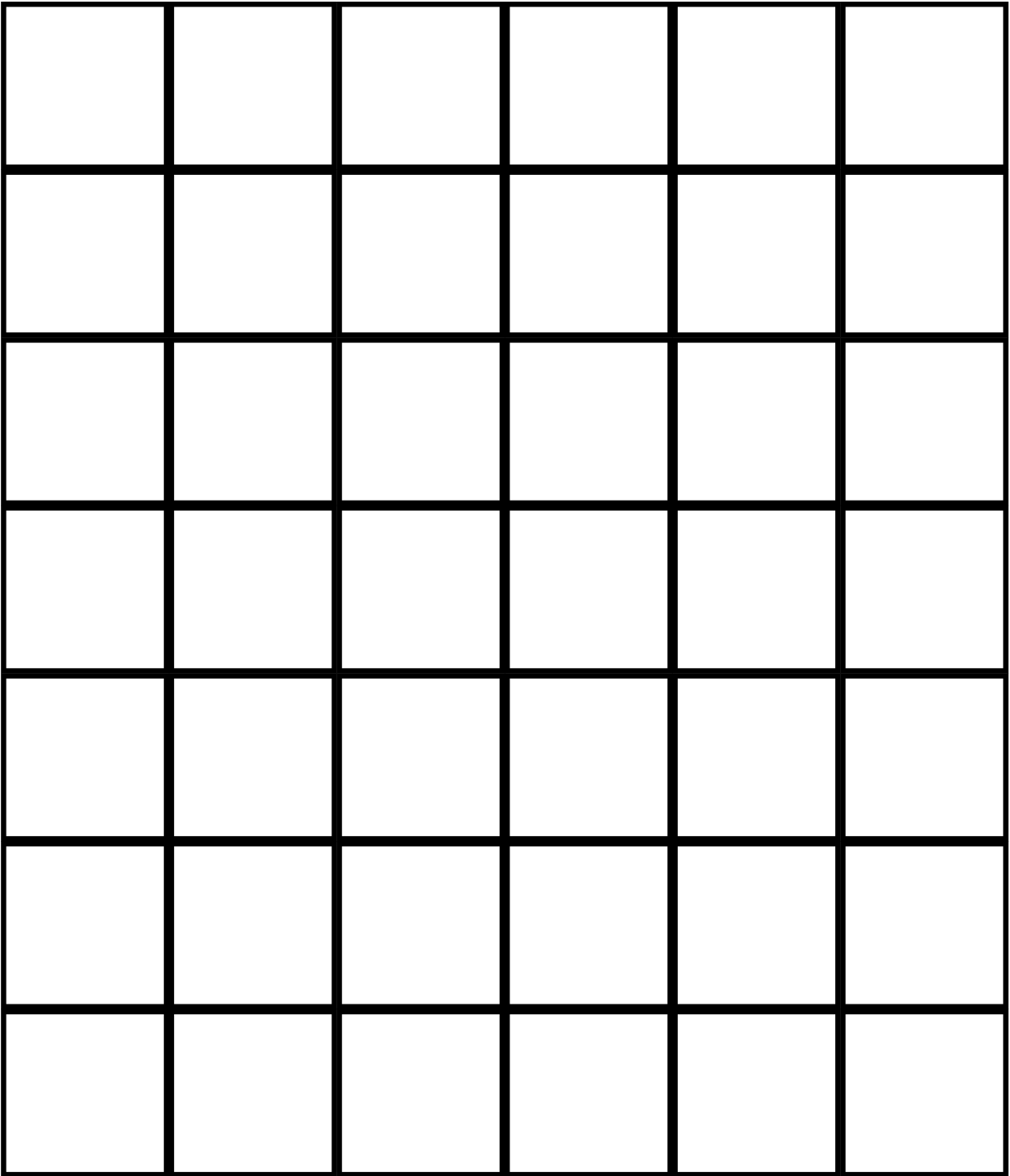
4. LOOP 10 TIMES:  
MOVE FORWARD  
TURN LEFT  
LOOP 6 TIMES:  
MOVE FORWARD  
IF ON E :  
TURN RIGHT  
IF ON Q :  
TURN LEFT  
MOVE FORWARD

ENDING LETTER: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPILED  
SECRET WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

# ACTIVITY 6: Honeybee Game

## GAME BOARD



# ACTIVITY 6: Honeybee Game

Cut out these activity cards:



**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**MOVE FORWARD**

**TURN LEFT**

**TURN LEFT**

**TURN LEFT**

**TURN RIGHT**

**TURN RIGHT**

**TURN RIGHT**

**LOOP \_\_\_ TIMES:**

**LOOP \_\_\_ TIMES:**



# ACTIVITY 7: Python Functions

1.

F01(▲):

$$\bullet = 3$$

$$\blacksquare = \blacktriangle + 2$$

$$\star = \blacksquare - \bullet$$

return ★

SOLVE: F01(4)

$$\blacksquare =$$

$$\star =$$

$$\bullet =$$

$$\blacktriangle =$$

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

2.

F02(●):

$$\blacksquare = 7$$

$$\star = \bullet + \blacksquare$$

IF ★ = 11:

$$\blacksquare = 2$$

$$\blacktriangle = \star$$

return ▲

SOLVE: F02(3)

$$\blacksquare =$$

$$\star =$$

$$\bullet =$$

$$\blacktriangle =$$

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

# ACTIVITY 7: Python Functions

3.

F03(★, ■):

$$\bullet = 2 \times \blacksquare$$

$$\blacksquare = 4$$

$$\blacktriangle = \bullet + \star$$

$$\heartsuit = \blacktriangle - \blacksquare$$

return  $\heartsuit$

SOLVE: F03(3, 5)

$$\blacksquare =$$

$$\star =$$

$$\bullet =$$

$$\blacktriangle =$$

$$\heartsuit =$$

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

4.

F04( $\heartsuit$ ,  $\bullet$ ):

$$\blacksquare = 6$$

$$\blacktriangle = \heartsuit + 2$$

$$\text{IF } \blacktriangle + \bullet = 11:$$

$$\blacksquare = 8$$

$$\star = \blacksquare + \bullet - \heartsuit$$

return  $\star$

SOLVE: F04(2, 7)

$$\blacksquare =$$

$$\star =$$

$$\bullet =$$

$$\blacktriangle =$$

$$\heartsuit =$$

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

# ACTIVITY 7: Python Functions

YOUR ANSWERS FOR #1 THROUGH #4  
WILL REVEAL YOUR SECRET WORD!

**IF YOUR ANSWERS WERE:**

**SECRET WORD:**

#1: 2      #3: 9  
#2: 17     #4: 11



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#1: 3      #3: 9  
#2: 17     #4: 13



EQUIPMENT

#1: 3      #3: 9  
#2: 13     #4: 11



PROCESS

#1: 3      #3: 8  
#2: 13     #4: 13



FORGETFUL

# ACTIVITY 8: Vocabulary Review

Beside each definition, write the letter of the corresponding vocab word from this class!

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The input data values for a function
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. To put into a code
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. In a function, a "storage bin" that holds a value so it can be used in multiple calculations
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A command telling you to repeat certain steps of an algorithm
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The process of finding and fixing errors within computer code
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A device that can store and process data using logical operations
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. When humans create specific instructions for how a computer should function, and communicate those instructions to the computer in a format that it understands
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. One set of 8 binary digits
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A computer's middle step, where it interacts with inputted data before outputting new data

## WORD BANK:

- E - BINARY CODE
- F - BIT
- O - LOOP
- G - VARIABLE
- Q - RETURN
- V - PROGRAMMERS
- N - CONDITIONAL/IF
- M - PROCESSING
- T - CODING
- Y - ALGORITHM
- K - NESTED LOOPS
- S - INPUT
- P - FUNCTION
- L - ENCODE
- H - BYTE
- B - DECODE
- I - COMPUTER
- D - BINARY ALPHABET
- U - OUTPUT
- R - DEBUGGING
- A - PARAMETER

 **this column spells out your activity 8 secret word!**

# FINAL CODING PUZZLE

STEP 1: TRANSFER ALL OF YOUR SECRET WORDS FROM EACH ACTIVITY HERE:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

STEP 2: FIND THOSE WORDS ON THE WORD SEARCH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE, AND CROSS THEM OUT.

STEP 3: ON THE LINES BELOW, WRITE ALL OF THE LETTERS NOT CROSSED OUT ON THE WORD SEARCH, TO SOLVE THIS PROGRAMMING JOKE:

"How do you keep a programmer in the shower all day?"

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"-----,-----,-----"!



# FINAL CODING PUZZLE

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

# SOLUTIONS

Activity 1:  
Phrase: "go cmu tartans!"  
Secret Word: TARTANS

Activity 2:  
Phrase: "You solved me, congrats!"  
Secret Word: CONGRATS

Activity 3:  
Secret Word: SWINGSET (from video)

Activity 4:  
Secret Word: SHOELACE (from video)

Activity 5:  
Answers: #1 B, #2 Y, #3 T, #4 E  
Secret Word: BYTE

Activity 6:  
Secret Word: BUZZBUZZ (from video)

Activity 7:  
Answers: #1 3, #2 17, #3 9, #4 13  
Secret Word: EQUIPMENT

Activity 8:  
Answers: parameter, encode, variable, loop, debugging, computer, coding, byte, processing  
Secret Word: ALGORITHM

Final Puzzle:  
Resulting message: Give them a bottle of shampoo that says "lather, rinse, repeat!"