



Codes have been used throughout history to send secret messages. A simple example used by prisoners of war was Tap Code.

Tap Code is a simplified version of Morse code that doesn't rely on long and short sounds but simply a sequence of taps and pauses that can easily be made by hand.

	1	2	3	4	5
1	A	B	C/K	D	E
2	F	G	H	I	J
3	L	M	N	O	P
4	Q	R	S	T	U
5	V	W	X	Y	Z

HOW IT WORKS

- Using a grid system (below), you identify the row and then the column number.
- For example, A would be 1-1 (one tap, a pause, one tap). O would be 3-4 (three taps, a pause, four taps).
- A longer pause lets you know the word is complete.

Challenge 1

Decipher this tap code:

3-2, 1-1, 4-4, 2-3, 4-3

2-4, 4-3

2-1, 4-5, 3-3

Challenge 2

Decipher this tap code:

5-2, 1-5

4-5, 4-3, 1-5

3-2, 1-1, 4-4, 2-3, 4-3

1-5, 5-1, 1-5, 4-2, 5-4, 1-4, 1-1, 5-4



Challenge 3

Decipher this tap code. Note: X is used to separate sentences.

1-3, 4-2, 1-1, 1-3, 1-3, 2-4, 3-3, 2-2 1-3, 3-4, 1-4, 1-5, 4-3 2-4, 4-3

2-1, 4-5, 3-3 5-3 1-3, 4-2, 1-5, 1-1, 4-4, 1,5 5-4, 3-4, 4-5, 4-2

3-4, 5-2, 3-3 4-4, 1-1, 3-5 1-3, 3-4, 1-4, 1-5 2-4, 3-3 4-4, 2-3, 1-5

3-3, 1-5, 5-3, 4-4 1-3, 2-3, 1-1, 3-1, 3-1, 1-5, 3-3, 2-2, 1-5 5-3



Challenge 4

Make your own tap code.

Rearrange the order of the letters in the grid to create a different code then write a message in code for a friend to decipher.

	1	2	3	4	5
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

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