

HOW TO USE A CYPHER WHEEL

A cypher wheel is a tool that secret agents use to communicate with other spies. This is done to keep sensitive information from falling into enemy hands. An agent will create a coded message to send to another agent, the other agent must have a cypher wheel and know what key to use to decode the message. This guide will help up and coming recruits learn how to use and understand a cypher wheel.

Follow these steps to acquire your cypher wheel

1. Print the two wheels you find below, on thick paper (or paste it on thin carton).
2. Cut out both wheels. **Make sure you don't cut off the black triangle on the smaller one!**
3. With a sharp point, make a small hole in the middle of both wheels.
4. Join the two wheels together (small one on top of the big one) with a split pin or cotter pin.
5. You can now decode secret messages.

Follow these steps to decode messages

First figure out what the key character of the message is, (it will be a single letter). Point the arrow of the inside wheel to the key character of the outside wheel.

IMPORTANT: Make sure the triangle keeps pointing to the key character during the entire decryption of the message!

Look at your coded message, each letter can be found on the inside wheel. Write down the corresponding letter from the outside wheel (the letter that is right above the letter from the message). Repeat this for the rest of the coded message and you will reveal the secret information or phrase.

Remember:

- The inside letters represent the coded message that need to be matched to the outside letters.
- The outside letters represent the translated message

Don't forget to destroy the message after you've read it!

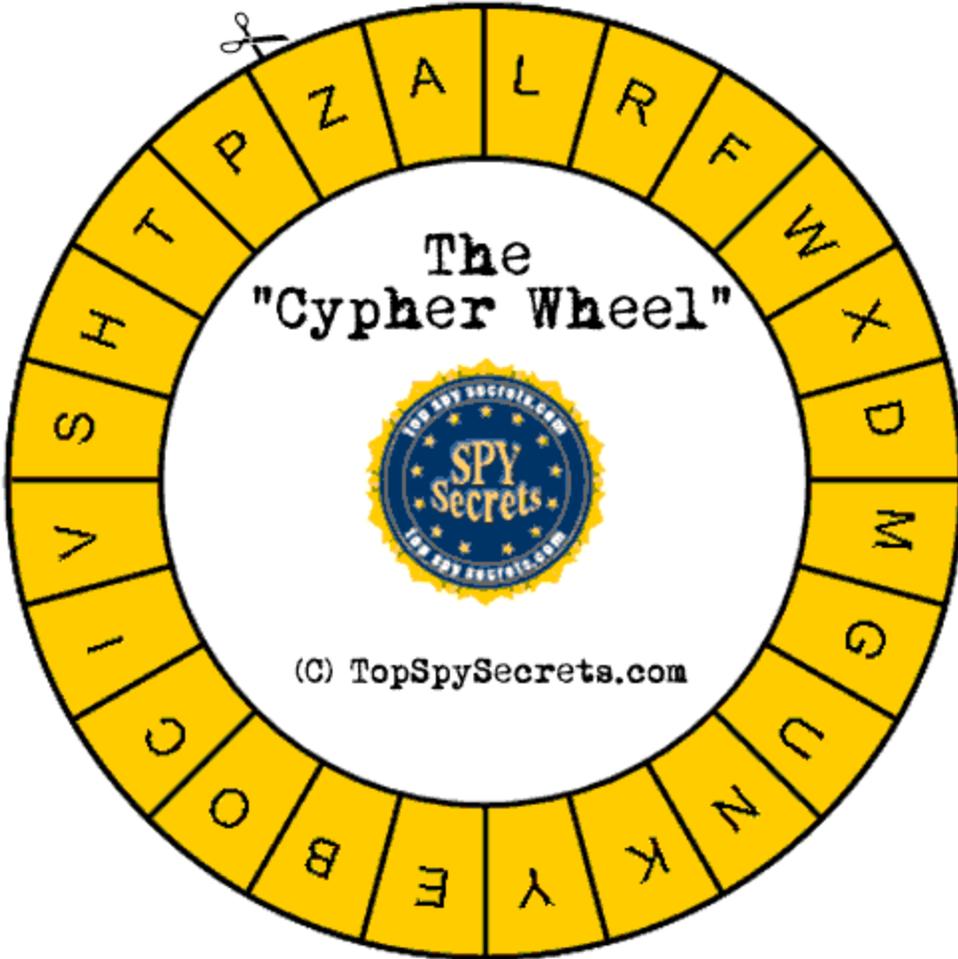
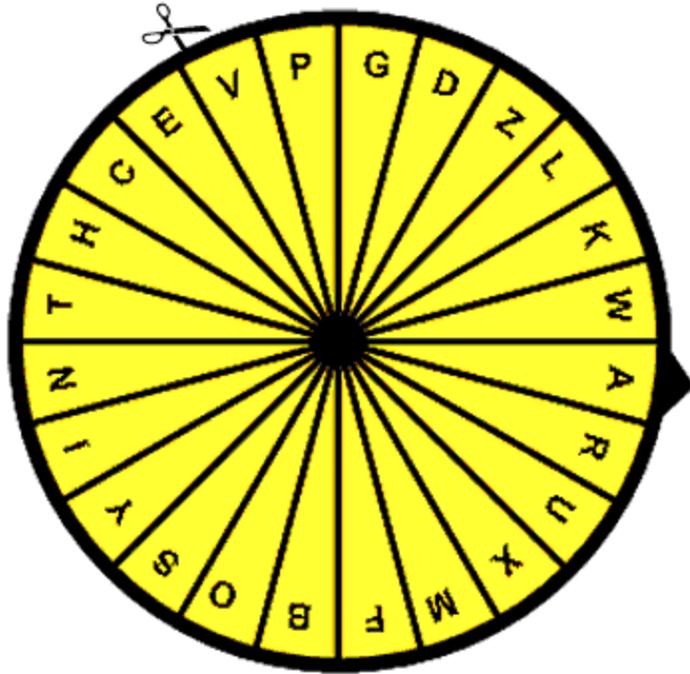
Here are some messages to practice on:

KEY = C

TLYAWEL FW FML GWIFMLIG LYRFL XBZ
FSXDNWIAL

KEY = T

NGGY OGFC XNVHA



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