Verbal Reasoning

Letter-Word Codes

What do I do?

Use the alphabet below to find the letter codes to the following words.

Top Tips!

- Firstly, decide whether the question is asking for the WORD and the CODE in the same order. If the order switches around for the question, you'll need to move along the alphabet in the opposite direction.

Question 1 gives a **WORD** and a **CODE**, followed by another **WORD** and you need to find the **CODE**. Taking each letter at a time, work through the alphabet in the same direction.

> 1. If the code for **LOVE** is **OMYC**, what is the code for **FEAR**?
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> 2. If the code for **BARN** is **YZIM**, what is **TLZG** the code for?

Question 2 gives a **WORD** and a **CODE**, followed by another **CODE** and you need to find the **WORD**. You'll need to move along the alphabet in the opposite direction for these.

- Take each letter in turn, starting with the first letter of each word that you've been given, and decide in which direction you're moving through the alphabet. For example: J --> M is +3, whereas J --> H is –2.
- Watch out for mirror codes, whereby the alphabet is split in half, with an imaginery mirror line between M and N. Memorable letter pairs such as A&Z, B&Y, C&X etc... will drop hints that you're going to be working with a mirror code.

Practice Questions

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

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2. If the code for **BARN** is **YZIM**, what is **TLZG** the code for?

3. If the code for **SALE** is **HZOV**, what is the code for **CHIN**?

4. If the code for **PENS** is **KZIN**, what is the code for **BOAT**?

5. If the code for **MOUSE** is **ONWRG**, what is **HHGKF** the code for?

6. If the code for **PIG** is **UNL**, what is the code for **PEN**?

7. If the code for **RUNG** is **PBLN**, what is **EYGW** the code for?

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Answers

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2. If the code for **BARN** is **YZIM**, what is **TLZG** the code for? *GOAT (mirror pairs)*

3. If the code for **SALE** is **HZOV**, what is the code for **CHIN**? *XSRM (mirror pairs)*

4. If the code for **PENS** is **KZIN**, what is the code for **BOAT**? *WJVO (–5)*

5. If the code for **MOUSE** is **ONWRG**, what is **HHGKF** the code for? *FIELD (+2, 1)*

6. If the code for **PIG** is **UNL**, what is the code for **PEN**? *UJS (+5)*

7. If the code for **RUNG** is **PBLN**, what is **EYGW** the code for? *GRIP (–2, +7)*