

MonLife Museums and Arts Activity Sheet

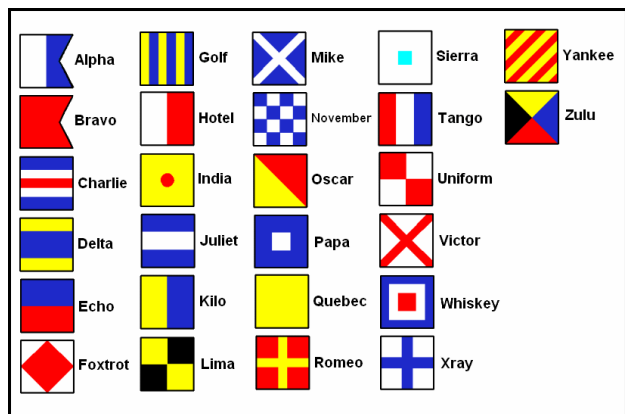
Make your name in flags

At the Battle of Trafalgar, in 1805, Admiral Lord Nelson sent a message by flag to the ships in his Navy “England expects that every man will do his duty”

Today ships have radios to communicate with each other, but they still use flags to send messages, just like Nelson’s Navy. The chart below is called the International Code of Signals. It contains the 26 letters of our alphabet which can be used to spell out the words of a message.

To make your name in flags you need:

- Squares of white card or paper – about 8cm x 8cm
- Black, red, yellow and blue felt tips or coloured pencils
- String
- A hole punch



What to do:

- Find the different letters of your name in the chart above – for example, if your name is Rhys the symbols would be Romeo, Hotel, Yankee, Sierra
- On separate pieces of card copy each symbol that spells out the letters of your name.
- Punch a hole in the two top corners of each piece of card.
- Lay the cards out so that they spell your name correctly.
- Thread the string through the cards and hang up your name.

Why not have a go at creating a coded message using the symbols above and ask someone in your house if they can ‘crack your code’.