

Spies and Espionage

Secret Messages

Spies often need to transfer information and messages in total secrecy and using 'invisible ink' can be a very effective way to do this. There are some simple techniques that you can master at home. Cut out the boxes below and follow the instructions to practise a different form of invisible writing on each one. Once you have revealed the message join all the pages together with a split pin and attach it to your project with the title page uppermost.

1. Lemon Juice/Milk – choose either lemon juice or milk and dab a cotton bud in the liquid to write a secret message in the space above. Let it dry for 30 minutes and then hold it near a heat source –and watch your message reappear.

2. Take another piece of paper the same size as the space above and line it up over the top. Write your message on the upper sheet in pencil pressing down firmly. Discard the upper sheet and then shade across the lower sheet with the side of the pencil to reveal the message.

3. White wax crayon – take a white crayon and write a message in the space above. Get some water colour paint on a brush and wash gently over the whole space – your message should be revealed.



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