



Mission Two: It's All in the Words

Think you're ready to join Ben at Spy School? Test your knowledge of these spy-related words. Match the words to their definitions below.

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| 1. bugs _____ | A. the practice of spying |
| 2. cryptography _____ | B. secretly using a fake identity to get information |
| 3. espionage _____ | C. a new member of a spy group |
| 4. interrogation _____ | D. a spy |
| 5. mole _____ | E. the science of writing codes |
| 6. mission _____ | F. hidden microphones to listen to conversations |
| 7. recruit _____ | G. closely watching over someone or something |
| 8. secret agent _____ | H. an enemy pretending to be a spy for your group |
| 9. surveillance _____ | I. questioning a suspect thoroughly |
| 10. undercover _____ | J. an important assignment |



Create a Code

Secret agents often have their own special language. In the book, *Spy School*, author Stuart Gibbs sometimes uses phrases that say one thing, but mean something else. They're called idioms. For example, while trying to escape danger, Ben says, "I hit the deck." That means he dropped to the ground to stay safe. Test your skills and uncover the meaning of these other phrases from *Spy School*.

1. What does "show you the ropes" mean?

- A. Get you a long string. B. Teach you how to do a job. C. Help you tie a knot.

2. What does "the coast was clear" mean?

- A. The tide is low. B. There were no people on the beach. C. You can safely do something without being noticed.

Your Turn

Now, imagine you're a spy that wants to make sure your plans don't fall into the wrong hands. Make up your own phrases to use as secret messages or codes. You can also work in some of the spy words from the vocabulary list.



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