

# CRACK THE CODE!

The City Spies are a group of kid spies who travel around the globe on missions to save the world — in between going to school and doing homework! The spies are experts at using their resources to figure out solutions to problems and mysteries. The adult who guides the team is a male spy called Mother. Mother invents sayings to help his team remember key spy principles or advice. These sayings are called *motherisms*, and as the kid spies learn, they apply to spying and life in general.

**Part 1:** Below is a motherism that has been encrypted. To figure it out, you must first solve the cypher or alphabet key used to encrypt the message. Then apply the code to decode the message.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
3		9			18				30			
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
				54								

75    45    63            9    3    42    42    45    60

3    9    24    27    15    66    15            69    24    3    60

75    45    63            9    3    42    42    45    60

6    15    36    27    15    66    15

What does this motherism mean?

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**Part 2:** Each of the kid spies has a spy name (an alias) and a special skill. Sara Martinez is known as Brooklyn, which is where she is from. She is good at hacking. What would your spy name be? And your skill? Choose the name of the city or town where you were born, the name of a city or town you like, or one that you would like to visit.

**My spy name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**My skill:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Families:** What skills do you think a kid spy would need? Learn about the secret division of MI6 made up of spies ranging in age from 8 to 15 in the City Spies series by James Ponti. This series is jam-packed with action and set in exotic locations and iconic landmarks.

