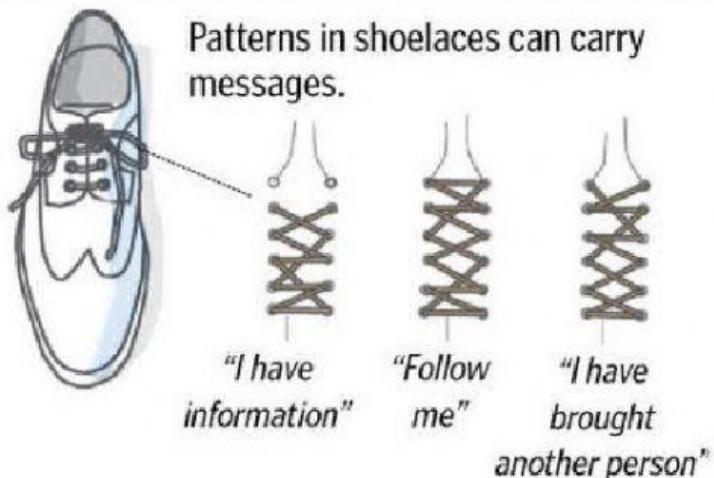


Read the text below. Fill in gaps 1-6 with choices A-H. There are two choices you do not need to use

During the Cold War, CIA agents used a method of communication based on how their shoelaces were tied.



Shoelaces as a weapon!

It comes as no surprise that, throughout history spies all over the world have used all sorts of secret skills, tools, and training. And though the most famous secret agent of them all - James Bond - might have been a fictional character, his preferred methods and devices aren't all totally fictional.

One trick that in their arsenal during the Cold War, however, might surprise even Bond himself. In order to pass messages to one another in the most secret way possible, they

Even during the Cold War, CIA agents who had to tie their shoes in the morning just like everyone else. Only, when they did it, they would often tie them in specific ways to other agents. For example, if an agent were to approach another and glance down at his shoes to see a certain pattern, he would immediately know that the shoelaces signaled "I have information.", "Follow me." or "I brought someone with me."

This information comes from "The Official CIA Manual of Trickery and Deception," a guide that the agency commissioned from magician John Mulholland in 1962. They wanted him to teach them easy to perform tricks so they could communicate more secretly in the field. Thus, shoelaces became secret messages.