



Story Setup:

You've received an urgent encrypted message:

"This is Agent 006. My cover is in danger of being blown. I've hidden clues in language tasks. Solve them before time runs out... or my real identity will be revealed."

YOU must complete all missions to unlock the final code and help me keep my identity safe and hidden.

Mission 1: Crazy viral news

Decipher the headlines of these 2026 viral news stories with the help of emoji and some key words. Let your imagination go wild:

- 1) 91 🧑🏻‍🎮 📞 🚫 🚗 🎯 📊 (granny videogamer)
- 2) 🧑🏻‍🎨 ✂️ 😬 📱 📷 ➡️ 🗣️ (black model, white influencer, Insta)
- 3) 🎫 📄 ➡️ 📷 💰 🎲 😱 (Picasso; raffle ticket)
- 4) 🐮 📷 🙌 🧑🏻‍🎤 ➡️ 😬 🐮 ? (ugly cows; Influencers)
- 5) 📈 🏰 👑 🐦 📺 ✂️ 🧠 (Disney; Rapunzel; crows)
- 6) 👗 ✖️ 🕵️‍♂️ 😱 🎤 🎡 (Madonna, Sabrina Carpenter, 🌀 Coachella)

Watch the video and check.

Match the flags and the names of the countries in which these news stories happened



- 1) The UK
- 2) Japan
- 3) The USA
- 4) France

**Code hint** The country where most of these viral stories happened = number \_\_\_\_  
Remember this number for the final code.

**Mission 2:** Our spy's been into social networks lately. Maybe a bit too much 😊  
The spy encoded her latest favourite word in a video. Before watching it, match the words (1-6) with the definitions (a-g)

1. My great-great-grandmother was a pirate queen, so I like to think I come from a long line of dramatic **ancestors** who never sat still.
2. The wizard **engraved** a secret message into his sandwich so no one else would eat it.
3. Archaeologists discovered ancient snacks preserved in **clay** jars labelled "DO NOT OPEN – definitely cursed."
4. After texting non-stop for 12 hours, she developed a serious **strain injury** in her thumbs and began communicating only in emoji.
5. That new TikTok dance **craze** is so popular that even our cat is trying to spin on its back.
6. She tried to **convey** her feelings through interpretive dance, but everyone just thought she was warning of a bee attack.
7. Sometimes the **harsh** truth is that your "award-winning cake" tastes like sweetened cardboard.

**Definitions:**

- a) an earthy material that is malleable when moist but hard when fired
- b) unpleasant, unkind, cruel, or more severe than is necessary
- c) to express a thought, feeling, or idea so that it is understood by other people
- d) an activity, object, or idea that is extremely popular, usually for a short time
- e) a person related to you who lived a long time ago
- f) to cut a picture or design into the surface of metal, wood, stone, etc.
- g) injury caused by repetitive movement or overuse of muscles

**Code hint** Her favourite word is defined in letter d, which corresponds to number \_\_\_\_  
Remember this number for the final code.

### Mission 3: Our spy loves emoji and she's itching to share their history with you

Our spy sent you a video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyM4ERthHWM>) about communication, symbols and emoji. Read through the questions and choose the option that convinces you the most. Then, watch and check.

- 1) What were early humans first believed to communicate with around 100,000 years ago?
  - a) Complex tax forms and cave banking systems
  - b) Simple and complex ideas like "fire" or "your cave is on fire"
  - c) Detailed recipes for roasted mammoth
  - d) Memes carved into stone walls
- 2) Where did the earliest known writing systems develop around 5,500 years ago?
  - a) Atlantis, using waterproof scrolls
  - b) The Moon, via lunar rock carvings
  - c) Ancient France, using baguette-shaped symbols
  - d) Mesopotamia, using engraved clay tablets
- 3) What major invention helped spread ideas like Protestantism and vegetable soup recipes?
  - a) The selfie stick
  - b) The carrier pigeons
  - c) The printing press
  - d) The emoji keyboard
- 4) Why is "pulling a sickie" harder in modern times?
  - a) Bosses now send doctors by drone
  - b) Everyone is required to send a sick emoji report
  - c) Sick days are automatically detected by AI smell sensors
  - d) You must now look sick on camera as well as sound sick
- 5) Why did emoji become especially useful in modern digital communication?
  - a) They help convey tone, emotion, and facial expression in text
  - b) They replaced the need for all vowels
  - c) They automatically correct grammar mistakes
  - d) They are required by law in all messages after 2015

 Code hint: Which letter appears repeatedly as the correct answer? \_\_\_\_\_  
Remember this letter for the final code.

Mission 4: Spies love using idioms to flavour their messages and hide subtle meanings

Can emoji lend you a hand with... idioms? Watch the video and test your expertise.  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewfJqBGtHmc>)



 Code hint: Only one of the idioms above conveys a positive meaning. You can find in number \_\_\_\_\_

Mission 5: Our spy has hidden a message in her favourite playlist

 Code hint: Scan through the video and write down the number of songs in the playlist:  
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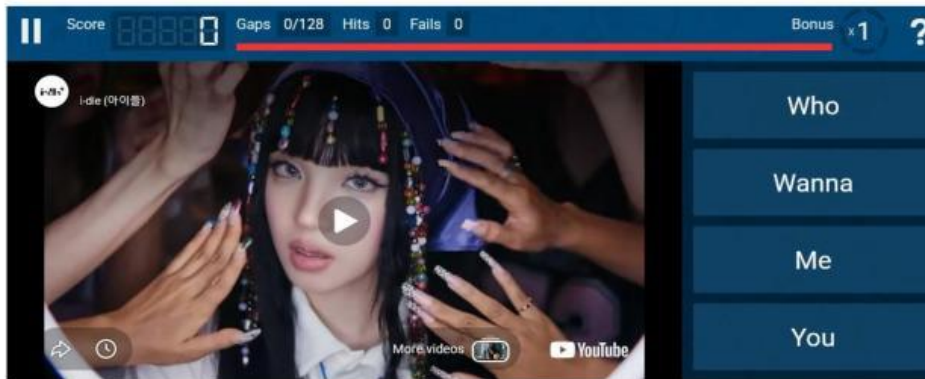
## Mission 6: Our spy's favourite song in the playlist


Our dear spy is young and modern, so she frequently uses colloquial phrases and grammar. Can you rewrite the standard form of these colloquial phrases?

- 1) You wanna tell me
- 2) I'ma leave
- 3) my time ain't for free
- 4) 'cause I'm kinda cruel
- 5) are you tryna go get your leg up
- 6) 'Cause it ain't my job to keep you on lock
- 7) You're outta my league

Go to Lyrics Training and work on this song:

<https://lyricstraining.com/en/play/yuqi/mo/g5ofqYmsC5#lbc>



 Code hint: These phrases come up in song number \_\_\_ in the playlist. Remember this number for the final code.

## FINAL STEP: Unlock the door

Mission 1	Mission 2	Mission 3	Mission 4	Mission 5	Mission 6

 The system unlocks...



"You cracked it!!!  
I knew I could trust you.  
My identity is safe... for now.



But remember—language is power. Use it wisely."