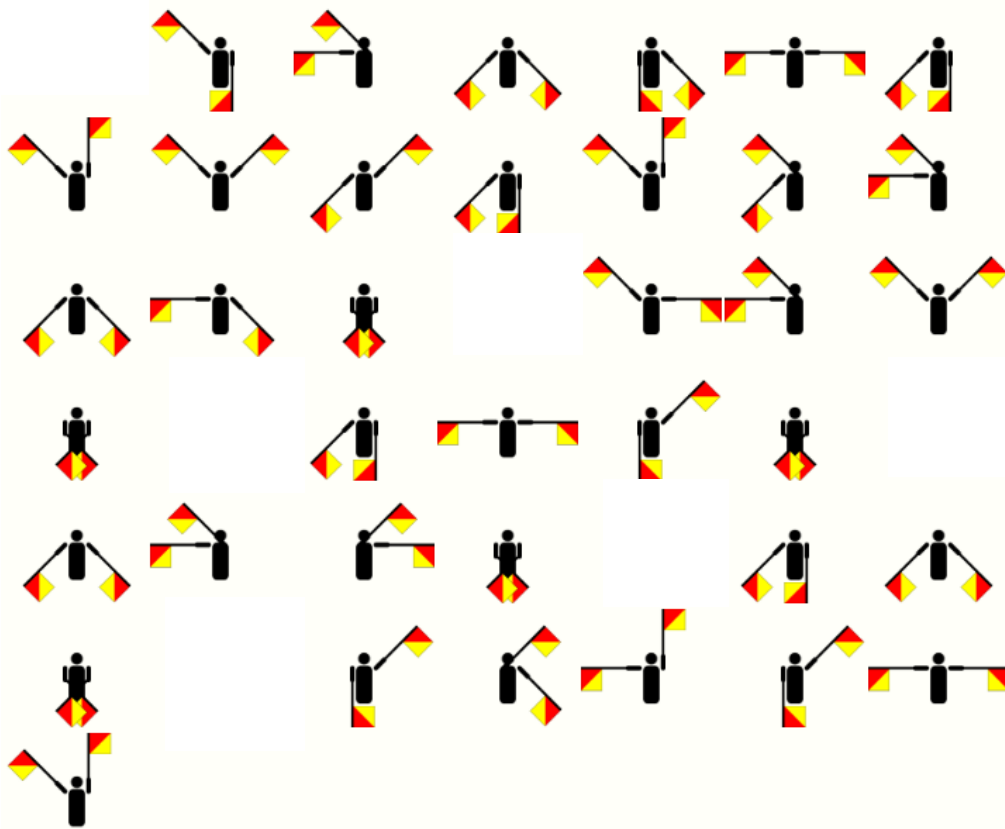


# Decoding Semaphore

Semaphore flag communication was adopted and widely used in the maritime world in the 19th century. It is still used during underway replenishment at sea and is acceptable for emergency communication in daylight or using lighted wands instead of flags, at night.

Can you learn to decode semaphore letters to reveal the message? Use the alphabet at the bottom of the page to help!



## Did You Know?

- The key used to learn Semaphore positions shows the message receiver's perspective. The message sender positions their arms opposite of what's shown. For example, signaling the letter "A" means holding the left flag down, and the right flag away from the body at a low angle.
- Semaphore flags are colored differently, based on whether the signals are sent by sea or by land. Signals by sea use red and yellow flags, while signals sent by land use white and blue. Why do you think that is?

