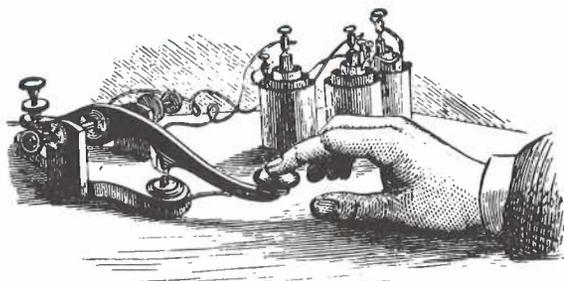


# Riddles in Morse Code



Today we can communicate with other people over great distances with ease. That, of course, was not always the case. Until Samuel Morse of Massachusetts invented the electromagnetic telegraph in 1835, messages were sent mainly by horseback, stage coach and boat. It sometimes took weeks or even months

for a letter to get delivered. But with the development of the telegraph and an alphabet composed of dots, dashes and spaces (Morse Code) a new and swifter means of communication was available to the people of the United States and other countries.

Telegraph messages are sent over wires by way of electricity. Someone at one end taps out long (dashes) and short (dots) sounds on a sending machine which are carried over the wires to a receiving end. There, another machine taps out these sounds in the dot and dash code.

Try using the International Morse Code to answer the following old riddles. Then give a copy of the code to a friend so that you can send secret messages back and forth.

A •—	K —•—	U ••—	5 •••••
B —•••	L •—••	V •••—	6 .—••••
C —•—•	M ——	W •— —	7 ——•••
D —••	N —•	X —••—	8 ———••
E •	O ———	Y —•— —	9 ———•
F ••—•	P •—••	Z ——••	0 ————
G ——•	Q ——•—	1 •— — — —	Period •—•—•—
H ••••	R •••	2 ••— — —	Comma ——••— —
I ••	S •••	3 •••— —	End of Letter
J •— — —	T —	4 ••••—	End of Word

What is always in fashion?

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What small animal is turned into a larger one by taking away part of its name?

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Use me well and I am everybody, scratch my back and I am nobody. What am I?

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Why does a sick woman lose her sense of touch?

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How many apples can a man eat on an empty stomach?

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What is that which was tomorrow and will be yesterday?

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What is it that goes when a wagon goes, stops when a wagon stops, is of no use to the wagon and yet the wagon cannot go without it?

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From a word of five letters, take away two and leave one.

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What is so easily broken that the mention of it breaks it?

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## Answer Key

- The letter F
- Fox
- A mirror
- She is not feeling well
- After 1 his stomach is no longer empty
- Today
- Noise of the wagon wheels
- Stone
- Silence