

## The GCHQ Christmas Challenge

Each of the seven puzzles below will lead you to the name of a UK landmark.

Use the names of these landmarks, and the front cover of the card, to discover what people across all of our GCHQ locations will be this Christmas.

buckingham palace

What does this say?



blackpool tower

What are you left with once you've removed the ~~award~~, ~~carrier~~, ~~character~~, ~~programme~~, ~~route~~, and ~~safety guide~~?

Black	Brick	Badge
<del>Pink</del>	<del>Cross</del>	<del>Bag</del>
<del>Blue</del>	<del>Panther</del>	<del>Code</del>
<del>Brown</del>	<del>Paper</del>	<del>Hood</del>
<del>Green</del>	<del>Peter</del>	<del>Road</del>
<del>Yellow</del>	Pool	<del>Show</del>
<del>Red</del>	<del>Riding</del>	Tower

university of cambridge

Complete the sequences:

TROIS, DEUX, UN  
 II, III, IV, V  
 OD, ERIM  
 QG, RH, SI  
 QW, ER, TY  
 JOAN, OE, ARC  
 DLA, NOD, CAMDLO  
 GRE, AT, BRI, TA, IN  
 KNO, WLE, DGE

principality stadium

PERHAPS READING the start of this substitution cipher will help you solve it.

PERHAPSREADING IT NOT CIPHERED IS PRIMARILY A LEADING INDIICATION TOYOU  
 ISKGWIM KSWBDU BN DFN LBIGSKSE BM IKBCWKQBQX W QSWBDU BDEBLWNBFDF NF XFO  
 SOLVING TH IS ADMITTE DLY DEVI OUS INITIAL LY UNREA DABL E MESS AGE  
 MFQPBUD NGBM WECBNNSEQX ESPBFOM BDBNBWQQX ODKSWEWAQS CSMMWUS.

edinburgh castle

Solve the clues. Only write in each square the single letter, if any, which appears in both the across answer and the down answer.

	Indian butter (4)	ghee	lord	kick it out	bassoon
	or	Voltemort,	Asriel (4)	Football anti-racism	campaign (4, 2, 3)
denim	Material that jeans are made from (5)	E	D	I	N
grub	Slang word for food (from a pub?) (4)	G	R	U	B
cha-cha-cha	Latin dance (3-3-3)	H	-	C	A
style	Life ____, free ____, or hair ____ (5)	E	L	T	S

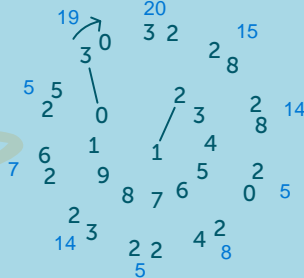
giants causeway

Replace the words in brackets:

An American (soldier) named Joe said that avoiding a huge colony of (insects) was the (basis) of him losing his (path).

stonehenge

We wrote the numbers 1-20 in order below, but made some mistakes. Calculate how far off we were.



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morse: we wish you a merry christmas we wish you a merry christmas



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E D I N  
1, 2, 3, 4



E C T I  
11, 7, 5, 2



P R O T  
6, 14, 8, 10



G D O M  
20, 19, 11, 15



U N I T  
18, 4, 6, 11



E K I N  
16, 4, 5, 6



N G T H  
4, 9, 2, 6

Follow us or scan the QR code to find the answers soon.



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