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# Crack the Cipher Code

Intermediate Level



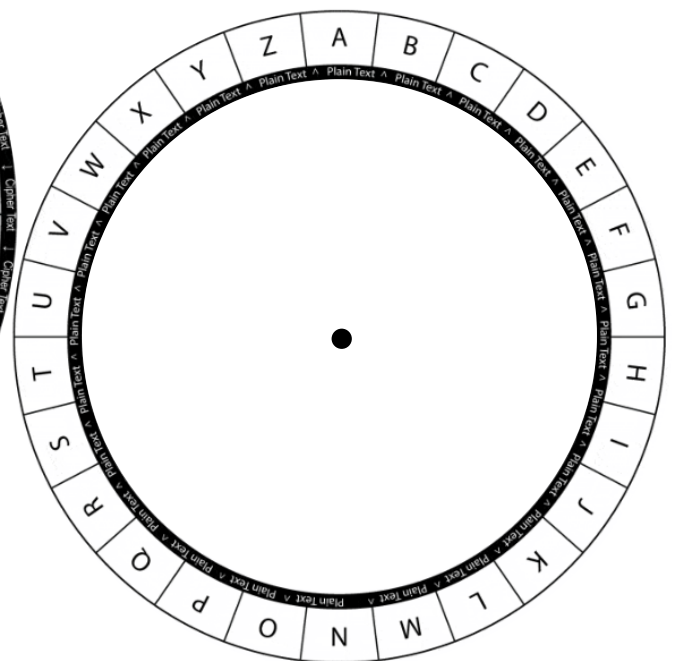
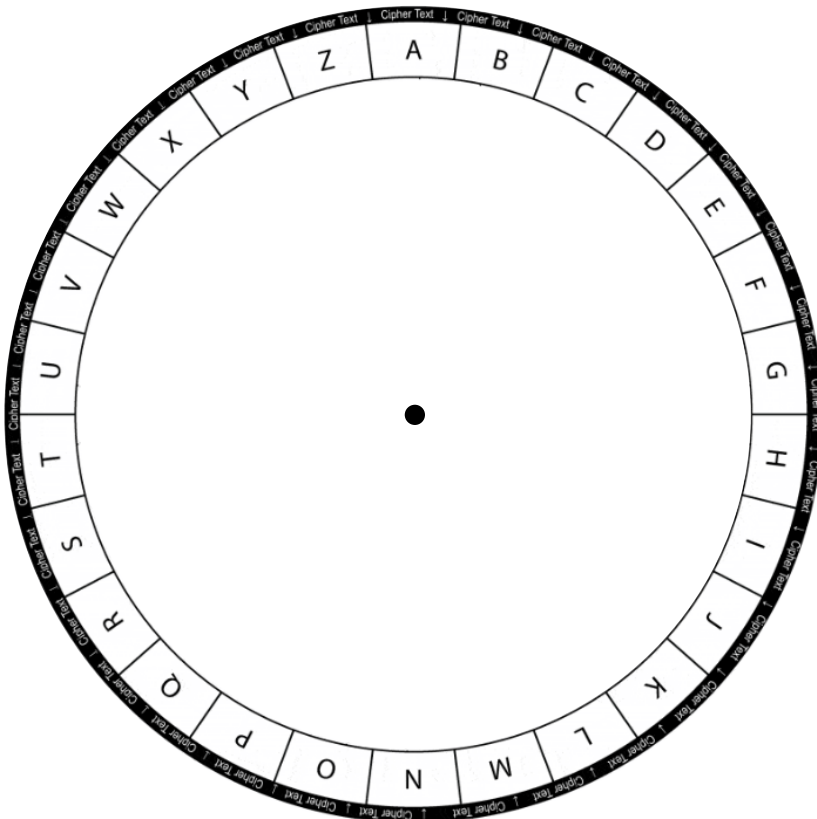
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## Code # 1

Key Letter: C

Hint: How to make a difference.

\_ \_    \_ \_ \_ \_  
 D G    M K P F    C P F    U V C P F

\_ \_    \_ \_ \_  
 W R    H Q T    V J G    V T W V J.

## CODE #2

Key Letter: H

Hint: 1843-1864

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 Y V X L Z Z H    D H R L T H U

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Primary Level



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