Palace code-writers used coded letters to keep the Kings and Queens safe from their enemies. Here are the codes they used and a message for you to write using each code.

**CAESAR CIPHER**

Move each letter of the alphabet along an agreed number of places. For example, if you always move along 3 places, A becomes D etc. Here is a table to help you:

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |
| D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | A | B | C |

**TASK** Write the message below in Caesar cipher:

DO NOT MEET KING HENRY AT YORK

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**BACKWARDS WRITING**

Write each word backwards.

**TASK** Write the message below in backwards writing:

there are a large group of visitors at the gates be ready

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**THE LETTER SWAP**

Exchange the last letter of each word for the first letter of the next.

**TASK** Write the sentence below in letter swap cipher:

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A NEW FRENCH HOOD

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**TASK** Can you create your own code?
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CODE ACTIVITY ANSWERS

Caesar Cipher
DO NOT MEET KING HENRY AT YORK
GR QRW PHHW NLQJ KHQUB DW BRUN

Backwards Writing
THERE ARE A LARGE GROUP OF VISITORS AT THE GATE BE READY
EREHT ERA A EGRAL PUORG FO SROTISIV TA EHT ETAG EB YDAER

Letter Swap
I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A NEW FRENCH HOOD
W IOULL DIKT EI ORDEA N AEF WRENCH HOOD