# Morse Code in Cornish

## What is this activity about?

Celebrating Speak Cornish Week 2021.

## What you need:

- A copy of the Morse Code (on page 3)
- List of Cornish phrases on next page.

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| Myttin da! | Good morning! |
| Splann yw an gewer | The weather is splendid |
| Euthyk yw an gewer | The weather is awful |
| Glawek yw, soweth | It's raining, unfortunately |
| Howlyek yw, gwynn agan bys | It's sunny, luckily |
| Mar pleg | Please |
| Meur ras | Thank you |
| Dha weles! | Goodbye! (to one person) |
| Agas gweles! | Goodbye! (to more than one person) |

## How is it linked to PK Porthcurno?

Morse Code was the standard code for sending messages on the Telegraph. It was adapted sometimes, so when you visit PK you may hear us talking about Cable Code, but it's really the same thing.

## Your Challenge

On the next page you will find several phrases in Cornish and their English meanings. They are all things you might say in a polite conversation.

Beneath them you will find the same Cornish phrases written using Morse Code. Unfortunately, they have been mixed up. Can you match the Morse Code to the correct Cornish phrases?

We have put a guide to International Morse Code on Page 3 to help you.

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# International Morse Code

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# Did you know?

Morse Code is a binary code. This means it is made up of two symbols.

Although it is named after Samuel Morse, it was invented by Samuel Morse, Alfred Vail and Joseph Henry.
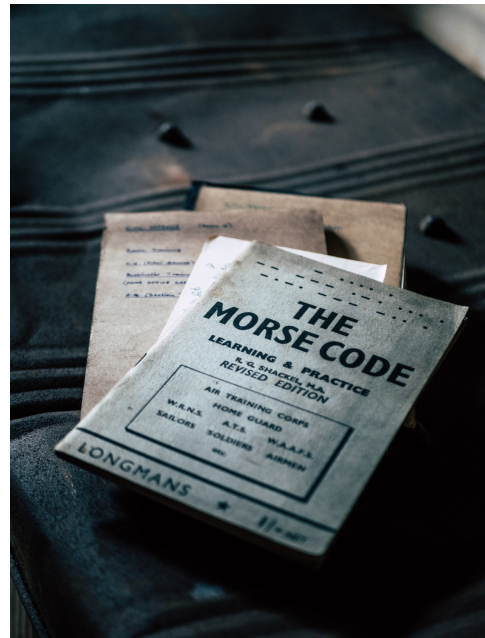
The symbols in Morse Code are dots and dashes. It uses combinations of dots and dashes to represent letters of the alphabet, numbers and some punctuation.

It is a very useful code, as it can be produced in many ways - for example sounds, flashes of light or pulses of electricity.

Samuel Morse

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Morse Code Training Book

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Make your own Morse Code messages, and share on our social media channels - we'd love to test our Morse Code knowledge by decoding them!

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