

The Secret Order of the Gumm Street Girls

Start your own Secret Order!

One thing almost all Secret Orders have in common is an underground method of communication: a language understood by only a select few. Whether you're up in a lookout tower like Franny, swinging from a tree house like Cat, or just looking out your regular bedroom window at your best friend next door, you too can delve into the secret language of the flashlight! Here's how:

Get your friends together to practice developing a code (an excellent excuse for a slumber party!)

TIP: Do like the Gumm Street Girls and use shorter codes for commonly used expressions. One blink can mean "Help!" Two blinks means, "Okay," and three blinks means "Meeting Tomorrow!"

TIP: The Morse code (see below) is another great way to get started. Use quick blinks for the dots and longer beams for the dashes.

TIP: Use two flashlights, one in each hand to make your codes even more intricate.

Once you have your code set up, arm everyone with a flashlight, turn off the lights, and share your secrets!

TEST: See how long you can go without speaking. A true flashlight pro can make a whole sentence with her flashlight.

A	.-	N	-.	0	-----
B	-...	O	---	1	.-----
C	-.-.	P	..--	2	..----
D	-..	Q	--.-	3	...--
E	.	R	.-.	4-
F	..-.	S	...	5
G	--.	T	-	6	-....
H	U	..-	7	--...
I	..	V	...-	8	----..
J	.----	W	.-.-	9	----.
K	-.-	X	-.-	Fullstop	.-.-.-
L	.-..	Y	-.--	Comma	--.---
M	--	Z	---.	Query	..-.-.

