

Instructions for Remote Teams

Contents of Your Package:

- This piece of paper
- Introduction
- Code Sheet
- Answer Sheet
- Red-blue glasses
- Three envelopes labeled Round 1, Round 2, and Round 3

Contacting Game Control

During the competition, Game Control may be contacted through any one of the following methods:

Email:	silverautonomy@gmail.com
Phone:	(512) 956-6061
Text message:	(same as above)

When you contact Game Control, please include your team name, and whether or not you are requesting a hint. If you do not explicitly say that you want a hint, we will determine whether answering your questions constitutes a hint and either answer, or verify that you want to take a hint before answering. Puzzle answer verification, clarification on instructions, and queries about suspected typos will always be answered sans penalty.

Note that while you can use the above email to contact Game Control at any time, the phone number will only be active for the duration of the competition (see below).

To win the game, you must submit the final answer to Game Control in one of the three ways mentioned above. Once the final answer is received, the timestamp will be recorded and your team's score locked-in.

Timing

Support from Game Control will be available from 10:00 CT on October 24th until 23:59 CT on October 25th. It is our assumption that you will be participating from 10:00 CT to 17:00 CT on October 24th unless you have emailed us otherwise. No matter when you begin, **please message Game Control as soon as you open Round 1**, so that we know to be on call and can keep track of who is playing when and where. After 17:00 on the 24th, response time from Game Control will be slower due to the official end of the competition locally and associated ceremonies, but we will do our best to answer your questions in a timely manner!

Honor System

We do this for fun. You do this for fun. Don't fudge your times. Thanks! ☺

Code Word 2015





Introduction - Read Before Starting

Welcome to the 2015 Code Word challenge! This year you and your team are attempting to unravel the mysterious death of the plastic individual known as Ken. Together, you will use your brains and your sharpest detective skills to follow the clues and find justice for Ken by discovering the answer to the question: What killed Ken Carson? Today your goal is to be the first team to answer this question and lock-in the correct Code Word to win the day.

The structure of Code Word is simple: nine puzzles are solved for answers in the form of a word or phrase. These answers feed into a tenth and final endgame puzzle which reveals the final Code Word and answers the question: What killed Ken Carson?

Code Word is an open resource competition, meaning you can use anything at your disposal except the members of another team. Scissors and tape may be necessary for some of the puzzles. A code sheet has been provided for your convenience, though bear in mind that any and all of the given information may or may not be used in the challenge. Puzzles are to be made available in three phases. Assuming a 10:00 start time, teams are to begin with puzzles in the envelope labeled Round 1, and are not to open Rounds 2 or 3 until 11:30 and 13:00 respectively. If at any point you believe you have solved all of the puzzles available to you, the next Round may be opened early. While not required, it is suggested that teams verify their answers with Game Control at this stage.

Approximate difficulty ratings are given in the upper right hand corner of each puzzle across from the title following the scheme below:

	Easy
	Medium
	Hard
	Very Hard

You may request hints for a puzzle at any point during the challenge. Specific instructions and contact information are included on a separate sheet. Hints incur time penalties and are given per puzzle at a diminishing rate of 15, 10, and 5 minutes for the first, second, and third hints respectively. Game Control is happy to answer questions and verify answers, and if your question warrants a hint penalty you will be warned before being provided with an answer.

The team with the fastest time in determining the Code Word (including penalties for hints) will be named this year's winner and receive everlasting glory.

The current time is exactly _____. **Please message Game Control when you start.**

Best of luck, and let the games begin!

Code Word 2015 - Code Sheet

			NATO	Semaphore	Morse	Braille	Binary
A	1	26	Alpha		• —		00001
B	2	25	Bravo		— • • •		00010
C	3	24	Charlie		— • — •		00011
D	4	23	Delta		— • •		00100
E	5	22	Echo		•		00101
F	6	21	Foxtrot		• • — •		00110
G	7	20	Golf		— — •		00111
H	8	19	Hotel		• • • •		01000
I	9	18	India		• •		01001
J	10	17	Juliet		• — — —		01010
K	11	16	Kilo		— • —		01011
L	12	15	Lima		• — • •		01100
M	13	14	Mike		— —		01101
N	14	13	November		— •		01110
O	15	12	Oscar		— — —		01111
P	16	11	Papa		• — — •		10000
Q	17	10	Quebec		— — • —		10001
R	18	9	Romeo		• — •		10010
S	19	8	Sierra		• • •		10011
T	20	7	Tango		—		10100
U	21	6	Uniform		• • —		10101
V	22	5	Victor		• • • —		10110
W	23	4	Whiskey		• — —		10111
X	24	3	Xray		— • • —		11000
Y	25	2	Yankee		— • — —		11001
Z	26	1	Zulu		— — • •		11010

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Answer Sheet

This sheet is provided solely for your organizational convenience and has no information about puzzle answers.

What Killed Ken Carson? _____