

As hard as I stared at the letters, they refused to make any sense. They swam around my head like enchanted butterflies, impossible to catch, or comprehend. In order to solve this section of the challenge I HAD to decipher the message.

Forwards, backwards, diagonally, skipping letters, translating it to different languages, I tried everything I could think of: my brain hurt.

Exhausted, I leant my hand against the letters – a tingle ran through my hand as one by one they began to glow. Excitedly, I pressed more, a pattern began to appear, I might finally succeed and move on.



1. What made this challenge so difficult?
2. What might the other challenges have been, before this one?
3. Why might the narrator need to solve these challenges? To escape, to win a prize, part of TV show, a secret job, or something else?
4. How many others do you think are involved in this challenge? Why?
5. Which words, or phrases, show that this was a difficult challenge?

Be a detective.

A Starter for 10

Research riddles and puzzles – can you solve them? Can you challenge others to solve them too?



Play different word games, e.g., scrabble, boggle, how many words can you make from...play one with others.

Make your own word searches and crosswords at puzzlemaker.com <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/>

Find out about secret codes. Can you write messages to a friend, or challenge them to solve your code.

Research different alphabets, what is the same and different about them? Find out about Cyrillic alphabets.

Which countries use these alphabets? Can you find them on a map?