American Spy Academy

MORSE CODE

Get ready, spies-in-training. This is a tough one. It's also a classic—one that every self-respecting spy should know. It's probably the most famous code there is, and it's used by real spies all the time. It can be used with a telegraph machine, transmitter radios, flags, whistle blasts, flashlights, or in writing.

Try decoding this message:

1. -.-- --- ..- .-. ..-. . . - ... - .. -. -.-
2. .-.. .. -.- . - --- - .- .-.. .-.. -.--

Morse code

.-	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		
.-..	L	-.--	Y		
--	M	--..	Z		

The trick of it: In Morse code, dots and dashes are used to represent the alphabet. The dots represent short sounds (or short light flashes), and the dashes represent long sounds (or long light flashes). If you are receiving the message over a telephone, radio, or from a flashlight or whistle, write down or record the pattern and then figure out the message by comparing it to the chart. When writing Morse code down, be sure to put spaces between each letter to avoid confusion.

Answer: Your Feet Stink Like Totally