

# American Academy

## RIDDLES

*There are all kinds of riddles, and many are difficult to figure out. Spies find riddles useful for hiding special instructions and information.*

### **Try to solve this riddle:**

*Watch your back, cat.  
The scrambled ragged  
Will find its mark  
If you don't follow  
The backwards star  
Through the garden gate  
To their lair.*

### **The trick of it:**

Solving riddles can be very tricky indeed. Pay close attention to possible instructions and clues hidden in the words. In this type of riddle, the words "scrambled" and "backwards" are telling you what to do: unscramble the word "ragged," and write "star" backwards. Once you've unraveled the clues, put them together and see if the message makes sense.

(Answer: You are the cat. A dagger will find its mark (your back) if you don't follow the rats (code name for your enemy) to their hideaway and take them by surprise.)

