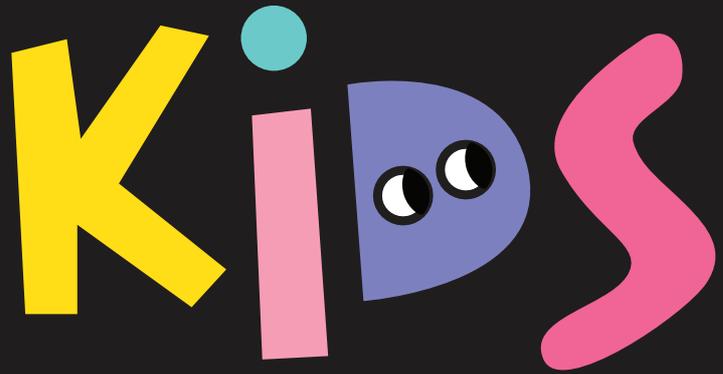


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[instagram.com/yma\\_ge](https://www.instagram.com/yma_ge)

**Amy Ge** is an illustrator and graphic designer who draws a lot of fish in her spare time.

For 4A KIDS, Amy shares how you can use stencils to make a marine-themed scene.



[alanahunt.net/](http://alanahunt.net/)

**Alana Hunt** lives on Miriwoong country in the north-west of Australia and has spent lots of time in South Asia, and more specifically Kashmir. These places shape her artworks and relationships.

For 4A Kids, Alana wants you to make your own special find-a-word.



[louisezhang.com](http://louisezhang.com)

**Louise Zhang** is a Chinese-Australian artist who makes paintings, sculptures and more. Based in Sydney, Louise is interested in movies, Chinese mythology, animals and plants – and gross stuff.

For 4A Kids, Louise has drawn a very special koi colouring-in page – with hidden symbols to find....

[leylastevens.com](http://leylastevens.com)

**Leyla Stevens** is an Australian-Balinese artist and researcher who makes artworks with moving images and photos.

For 4A Kids, Leyla is sharing the language of Semaphore with you!



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## Make Your Own Set of Semaphore Signals with Leyla Stevens

There are many kinds of ways to send a message to someone far away that isn't through a phone or a computer. Signals are coded messages, which means that different letters, sounds or gestures carry special meanings. Some of these ways are related to times when people had to send secret messages across long distances, like during a war. But also they could be just for fun, a kind of game.



Image: Leyla Stevens, *signalmasters* (2014) two channel video.

Semaphore signals are based on an old messaging system in France—where high stone towers had two wooden arms that waved flag signals to each other.

A message would be passed down a line of semaphore towers that were in sightline of each other, a bit like the whispers game.

Sailors at sea still use semaphore flag signals to send messages. Semaphore signaling is when a person holds two flags to wave signals to another ship at sea or back to shore.

Most of these signals are to communicate in an emergency or to find their way at sea.



Image: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optical\\_telegraph](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optical_telegraph)

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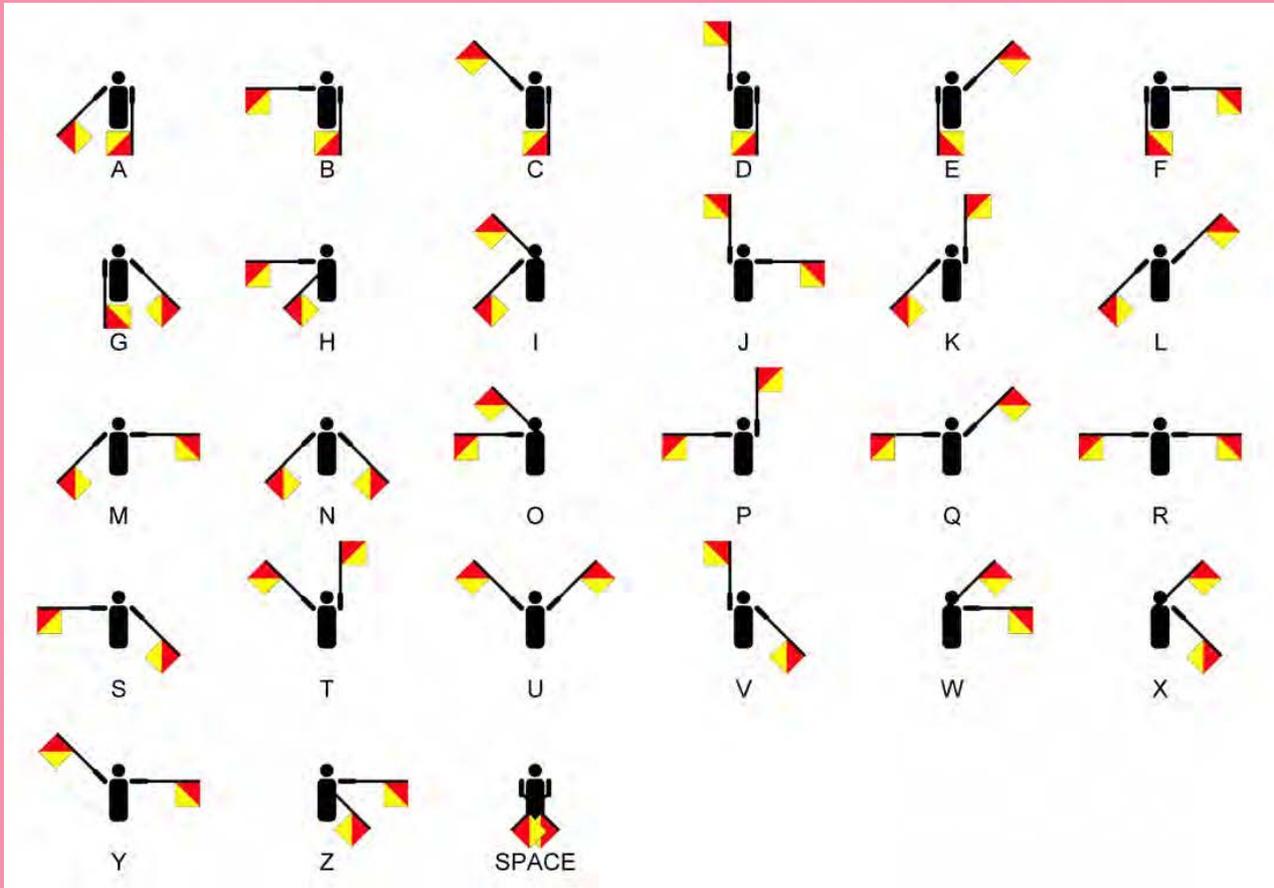


Image sourced from: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Semaphore\\_Signals\\_A-Z.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Semaphore_Signals_A-Z.jpg)



# Make Your Own Set of Semaphore Signals

with Leyla Stevens

## What you'll need

Cardboard (cereal boxes work well)  
Large sticks for the flag handles  
Paint, crayons or markers  
to colour the flags  
Glue  
Tape

**Activity:**  
**2 Person Game**  
**with**  
**Semaphore**  
**Flags**

## STEP 1

### Directions:

- Print out 2 copies of the Semaphore Flag Template (supplied).
  - Colour in both sections of the flag using different colours.
- (Tip: use 2 very different colours that will stand out from far away).



## STEP 2

Send a  
message to a  
friend!

Stand far apart from each other. You can play this in a large field or a long street. If you live in an apartment block that is up high you could test it out with someone on the ground signaling up to you.

If you know how to spell, you can send signals to each other using the semaphore alphabet code (see supplied image).

Write a message you want to send and practice the positions first before sending it. Sometimes drawing the positions helps you remember.

**OR**

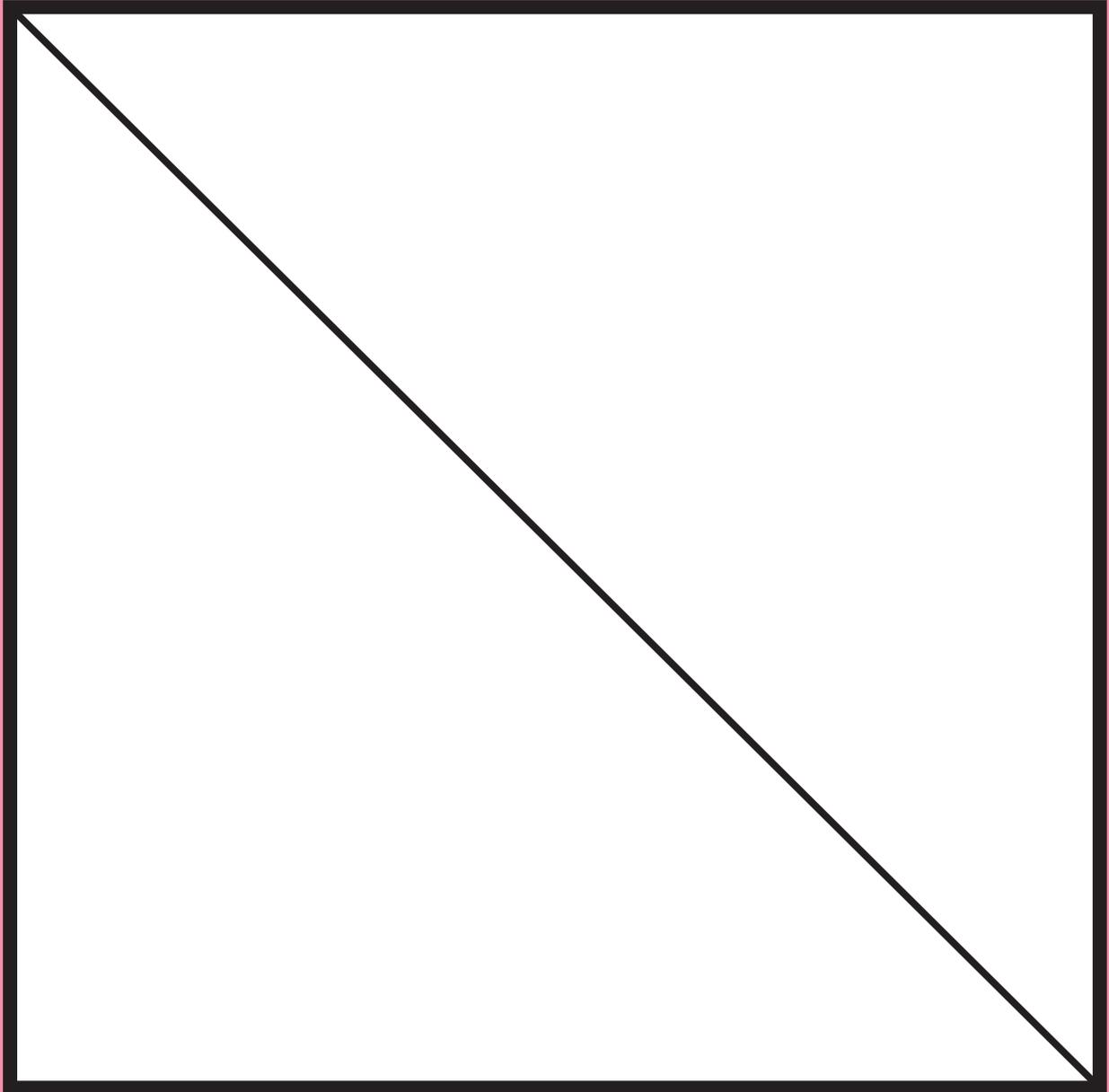
Make your own set of secret semaphore signals. Use the flags to move in different positions to make different messages. Decide on 10-15 messages that you can learn together and draw a KEY to remember them.

Decide on what are the important messages you want to send between you. Maybe some would be: "want to meet up?" "where to?" "park" "house" "tomorrow" "today" "how are you?" "good" "bad".

**Thanks for learning with me + 4A KIDS! Leyla Stevens**

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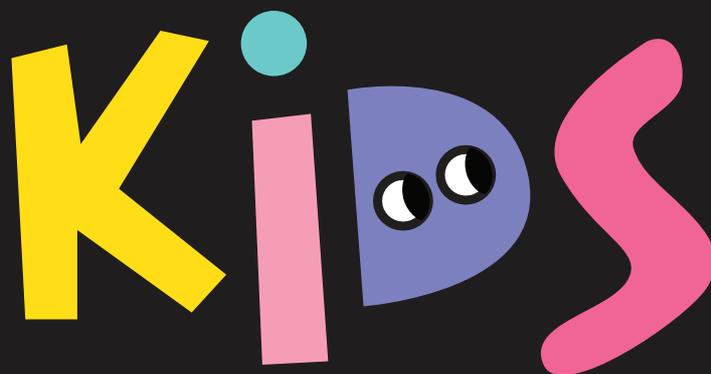
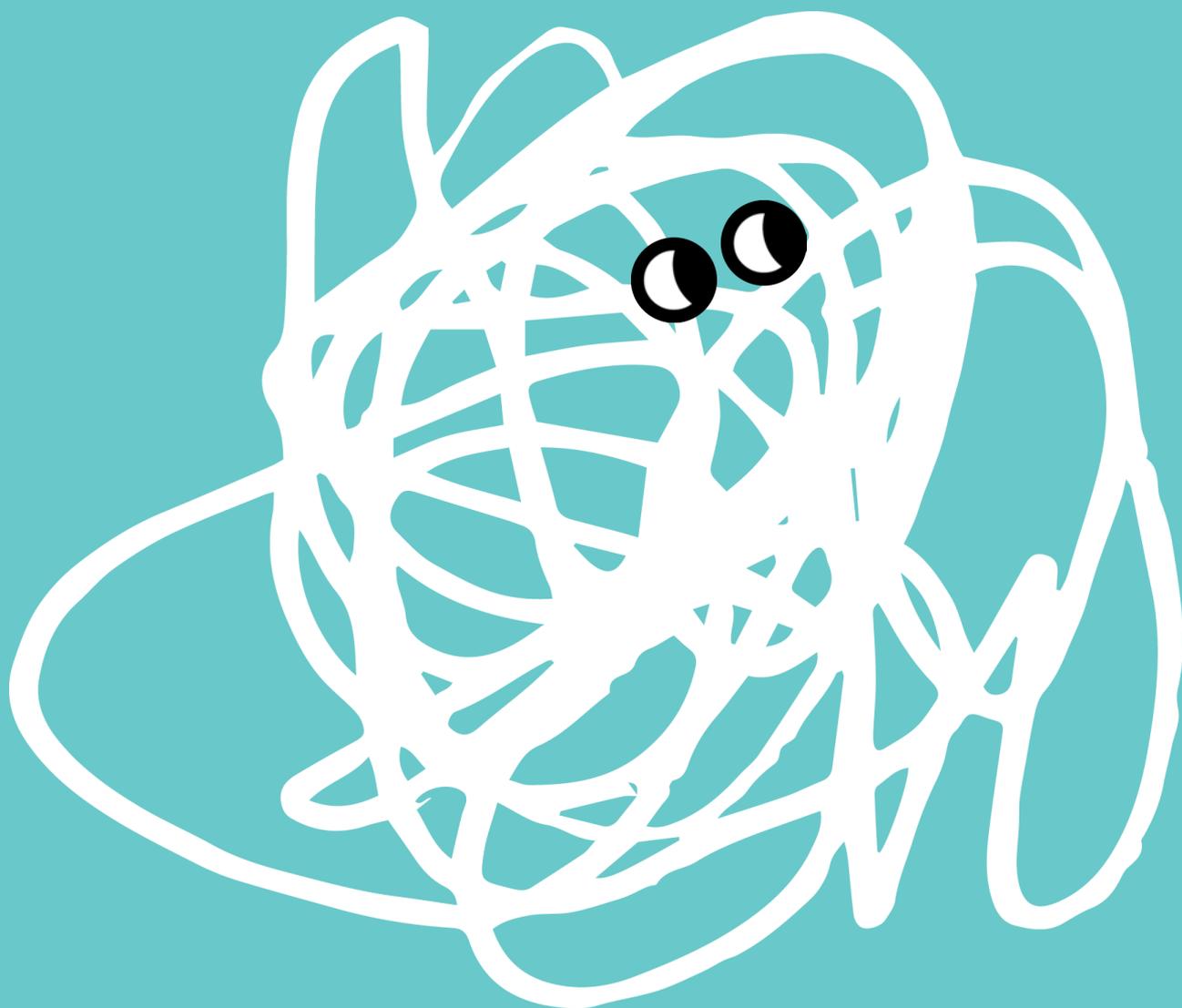
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Semaphore Flag Template

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