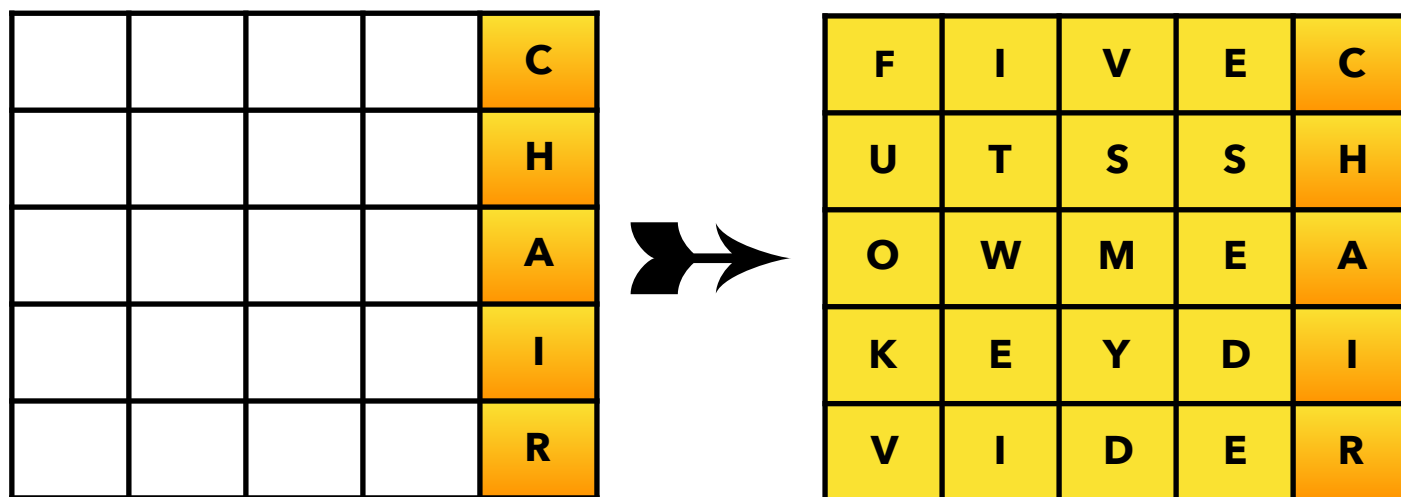




HOW TO CREATE A NULL CIPHER

1. Think of a mysterious question for your treasure hunt. For example:
"Where can you find my last message?"
2. Draw a 5x5 grid on a piece of paper. There should be 5 rows and 5 columns, with 25 squares in total.
3. Write a 5-letter answer to your question in the last column, with the letters placed vertically (top to bottom). This will be the real hiding place for your last message.
4. Fill in the other squares with letters that form a nonsensical sentence if you read it left to right. You will need to incorporate all 5 letters into your message.
5. Re-write the sentence without the grid and use this as your cipher clue. For example:
"Where can you find my last message? Five cuts show me a key divider."



6. The solver will have to count to every fifth letter to decipher the answer to the strange question. For example:
"Five [c]uts s[h]ow me [a] key d[i]vide[r]" = You concealed your message in a CHAIR.