



Signal Flags

Long before radio communication, mariners used signal flags to communicate between ships. An international code still exists at sea today. Each flag stands for a letter or number. String multiple flags together and one can send a message as far as the eye can see. If flown by themselves, single signal flags can also mean special codes.

The Case of the Boat Captain's Lost Picnic Basket

A Junior Skippers Story Adventure'

A Breezy Morning on the Lake...

Captain Blueberry Beard woke up early, humming a happy tune as he packed the *finest picnic basket the lake had ever seen*. Inside he tucked:

- A tall bottle of fizzy lemonade
- Crunchy crackers shaped like tiny boats
- A jar of blueberry jam (his favorite, of course)
- And one enormous slice of chocolate cake

He loaded everything onto his little blue boat, the **Minnow Majesty**, and set off toward Picnic Point for a peaceful morning feast.

But when he arrived...

The picnic basket was gone.

Only a fluttering string of nautical signal flags remained, tied to the rail like a trail of clues left behind by a mischievous visitor.

Captain Blueberry Beard scratched his beard, puzzled. "These flags must be trying to tell me something," he said. "But I can't read them alone... I need the Junior Skippers!"



Your Mission, Junior Skippers is to:

- **Look at the Signal Flag Alphabet Chart**
Use the chart - Each flag = one letter.
- **Match Each Flag to Its Letter**
Look at the mystery message below and find each flag on your chart.
- **Write the Letter in the Box**
Fill in the blanks to reveal the hidden word or phrase.
- **Decode the secret message and find who stole Captain Blueberry Beard's picnic basket**
- **Read Your Secret Message**
Use your best sailor voice.

THE SIGNAL FLAG ALPHABET

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
V	W	X	Y	Z		

Who has Captain Blueberry Beard's Picnic?





Can you write your name using signal flags?