

How to Send a Secret Message

Sending secret messages was important during World War II. It can be important at times for you, too, since you sometimes have secrets you want to keep and messages you want to send. One way of sending a message and keeping it secret is to use invisible ink. Follow the instructions below to send your own secret message, using invisible ink.

Materials:

- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) of milk
- cup
- toothpick or cotton swab
- paper
- charcoal ashes or pencil shavings (found in a pencil sharpener)
- envelope

Secret Message Instructions

1. Put 2 tablespoons (30 mL) of milk in a cup.
2. Dip a toothpick or a cotton swab in the milk.
3. Now write your words on a piece of paper. When the milk dries, it is invisible.
4. To make the letters show up again, you will need developing powder. Take an envelope to the charcoal grill and put a few ashes inside. If you prefer, you can put the powdered pencil shavings from a pencil sharpener into your envelope. Now label your envelope "Magic Powder."
5. To make the message reappear, rub your finger into the magic powder and then across the page with the invisible ink. Presto! Your writing reappears.