



**Navajo Code Talkers**

Code talkers had to memorize seventeen pages of code during their training. They used two different types of codes to communicate. Read the descriptions below and try your skills at decoding both types of Navajo code.

**Type One Codes**

These codes used Navajo words to stand for each letter of the English alphabet. When the word was translated, the first letter of that word in English was the letter used for the coded message. Here's an example:  
 DIBEH means Sheep and the first letter of Sheep is S so DIBEH stands for the letter S

**Try it- Use the chart to decode the following message. Each Navajo word stands for one English letter.**

Navajo word	English word	Letter
MOASI	Cat	C
LHA-CHA-EH	Dog	D
DZEH	Elk	E
TKIN	Ice	I

Navajo word	English word	Letter
NE-AHS-JAH	Owl	O
GAH	Rabbit	R
A-KEH-DI-GLINI	Victor	V

Navajo: MOASI NE-AHS-JAH LHA-CHA-EH DZEH  
 English:

Navajo: GAH DZEH MOASI DZEH TKIN A-KEH-DI-GLINI DZEH LHA-CHA-EH  
 English:

*Handwritten: H C C*

**Type Two Codes**

These codes used Navajo words that could be translated directly to English words.

**Try it- Search Navajo Code dictionaries online to write the code for the following phrase.**

English: Intense battleship attack! Request reinforcements now!

Navajo: