**Cryptography: Public key encryption activity**

**Activity 2: GENERATING KEYS USING MORE REALISTIC *LARGE* INTEGERS**

In real life encryption far larger numbers are used which would be very hard to guess. In Activity 2 we will use more realistic larger numbers. Drawing up modular tables would take a very long time, so we will use a special mathematical technique, a kind of shortcut for finding modular inverses.

The second ‘message’ will be an integer corresponding to a three letter word you will select from the table attached.

**Choosing your keys:**

28

**A** Choose a number A between 25 and 50.

42

**B** Choose a second number B between 25 and 50.

1176

**C** Multiply A and B. Call this number C.

1175

**D** Subtract 1. Call this number D.

1246

Your **public** **key** is A + B + C.

**Public key**

1203

Your **encryption** **key** is A + D.

**Encryption key**

1217

Your **decryption** **or private key** is B + D.

**Decryption key**

Tell all others their public and encryption keys. Your decryption key is kept private! Now if you search Google for **1203 X 1217 mod 1246**, you will find it is **1**!

**Encryption key X Decryption key = 1 in the modulus of Public key** We are now ready to **encode** and **decode** our secret message as we have found two numbers whose product is 1 in the modulus of our private key.

**Encryption:**

Choose a message for transmission from the sheet of three letter words attached.

**F** Note the number corresponding to your word in the table and multiply it by your **encryption** key X =

116691

1203

97

**Message (using table at back)** **Encryption key**

**G** Divide **F** by the **public** key and write down only those digits appearing in front of the decimal point.

93

**H** Multiply **G** by your **public** key.

115878

813

**I** Subtract **H** from the result in **F** above.

The result is your encrypted secret word. **Encrypted message**

**Decryption:**

989421

**J** Multiply the encoded message in **I** above by the **decryption** key.

794

**K** Divide the result in **J** by the **public** key. Write down write down only those digits appearing in front of the decimal point.

989324

**L** Multiply the result in **K**, by the **public** key.

97

**M** Subtract the result in **L** from the result in **J** and write the result in **M**

The result **M** is your decrypted message - a number revealing your secret three-letter word, known only to those who have your private **decrypting** key alongside your **public** key.

**Table of three-letter words**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | ace | 49 | beg | 97 | cup | 145 | ere | 193 | gig | 241 | hum |
| 2 | act | 50 | bet | 98 | cur | 146 | erg | 194 | gin | 242 | hut |
| 3 | add | 51 | bib | 99 | cut | 147 | err | 195 | gnu | 243 | ice |
| 4 | ado | 52 | bid | 100 | dab | 148 | eta | 196 | gob | 244 | icy |
| 5 | ads | 53 | big | 101 | dad | 149 | eve | 197 | god | 245 | ids |
| 6 | adz | 54 | bin | 102 | dam | 150 | ewe | 198 | goo | 246 | ifs |
| 7 | aft | 55 | bit | 103 | day | 151 | eye | 199 | gos | 247 | ilk |
| 8 | age | 56 | boa | 104 | deb | 152 | fad | 200 | got | 248 | ill |
| 9 | ago | 57 | bob | 105 | den | 153 | fan | 201 | gum | 249 | imp |
| 10 | aha | 58 | bog | 106 | dew | 154 | far | 202 | gun | 250 | ink |
| 11 | aid | 59 | boo | 107 | did | 155 | fat | 203 | gut | 251 | inn |
| 12 | ail | 60 | bop | 108 | die | 156 | fax | 204 | guy | 252 | ins |
| 13 | aim | 61 | bow | 109 | dig | 157 | fed | 205 | gym | 253 | ion |
| 14 | air | 62 | box | 110 | dim | 158 | fee | 206 | gyp | 254 | ire |
| 15 | alb | 63 | boy | 111 | din | 159 | fen | 207 | had | 255 | irk |
| 16 | ale | 64 | brr | 112 | dip | 160 | fer | 208 | hag | 256 | ism |
| 17 | all | 65 | bud | 113 | dis | 161 | few | 209 | hah | 257 | its |
| 18 | amp | 66 | bug | 114 | doc | 162 | fey | 210 | ham | 258 | ivy |
| 19 | and | 67 | bum | 115 | doe | 163 | fez | 211 | has | 259 | jab |
| 20 | ani | 68 | bun | 116 | dog | 164 | fib | 212 | hat | 260 | jag |
| 21 | ant | 69 | bur | 117 | don | 165 | fie | 213 | haw | 261 | jam |
| 22 | any | 70 | bus | 118 | dos | 166 | fig | 214 | hay | 262 | jar |
| 23 | ape | 71 | but | 119 | dot | 167 | fin | 215 | hem | 263 | jaw |
| 24 | apt | 72 | buy | 120 | dry | 168 | fir | 216 | hen | 264 | jay |
| 25 | arc | 73 | bye | 121 | dub | 169 | fit | 217 | hep | 265 | jet |
| 26 | are | 74 | cab | 122 | dud | 170 | fix | 218 | her | 266 | jib |
| 27 | ark | 75 | cad | 123 | due | 171 | flu | 219 | hes | 267 | jig |
| 28 | arm | 76 | cam | 124 | dug | 172 | fly | 220 | hew | 268 | job |
| 29 | art | 77 | can | 125 | duh | 173 | fob | 221 | hex | 269 | jog |
| 30 | ash | 78 | cap | 126 | dun | 174 | foe | 222 | hey | 270 | jot |
| 31 | ask | 79 | car | 127 | duo | 175 | fog | 223 | hid | 271 | joy |
| 32 | asp | 80 | cat | 128 | dye | 176 | fop | 224 | hie | 272 | jug |
| 33 | ate | 81 | caw | 129 | ear | 177 | for | 225 | him | 273 | jut |
| 34 | auk | 82 | chi | 130 | eat | 178 | fox | 226 | hip | 274 | keg |
| 35 | awe | 83 | cob | 131 | ebb | 179 | fro | 227 | his | 275 | ken |
| 36 | awl | 84 | cod | 132 | eel | 180 | fry | 228 | hit | 276 | key |
| 37 | axe | 85 | cog | 133 | egg | 181 | fun | 229 | hob | 277 | kid |
| 38 | aye | 86 | con | 134 | ego | 182 | fur | 230 | hod | 278 | kin |
| 39 | baa | 87 | coo | 135 | eke | 183 | gab | 231 | hoe | 279 | kit |
| 40 | bad | 88 | cop | 136 | elf | 184 | gad | 232 | hog | 280 | lab |
| 41 | bag | 89 | cot | 137 | elk | 185 | gag | 233 | hop | 281 | lad |
| 42 | bah | 90 | cow | 138 | ell | 186 | gal | 234 | hos | 282 | lag |
| 43 | ban | 91 | cox | 139 | elm | 187 | gap | 235 | hot | 283 | lam |
| 44 | bar | 92 | coy | 140 | ems | 188 | gas | 236 | how | 284 | lap |
| 45 | bat | 93 | cry | 141 | emu | 189 | gee | 237 | hub | 285 | law |
| 46 | bay | 94 | cub | 142 | end | 190 | gel | 238 | hue | 286 | lax |
| 47 | bed | 95 | cud | 143 | eon | 191 | gem | 239 | hug | 287 | lay |
| 48 | bee | 96 | cue | 144 | era | 192 | get | 240 | huh | 288 | lea |