

# Art and dancing men

## Introduction

- **Level:** B2
- **Skills:** Reading
- **Topics:** Entertainment and the Arts
- **Merging subjects:** Art class

## The enigma

- **Keywords**

The enigma will start with the players finding a street art picture. When they turn it over, they will find a quote by the artist, Keith Haring, whose name will be written using the dancing man alphabet. Once they decipher the code, they will introduce Haring's name in a chatbot that will send them his Wikipedia page and ask them three questions about the artist. When they answer right, they will get the clue for the next enigma.

- **Toolbox**

This picture <https://pixabay.com/fr/photos/keith-haring-peintures-murales-art-2174269/>

A frame for the picture

The printed dancing man alphabet

A smartphone with a chatbot conversation (on messenger or other)

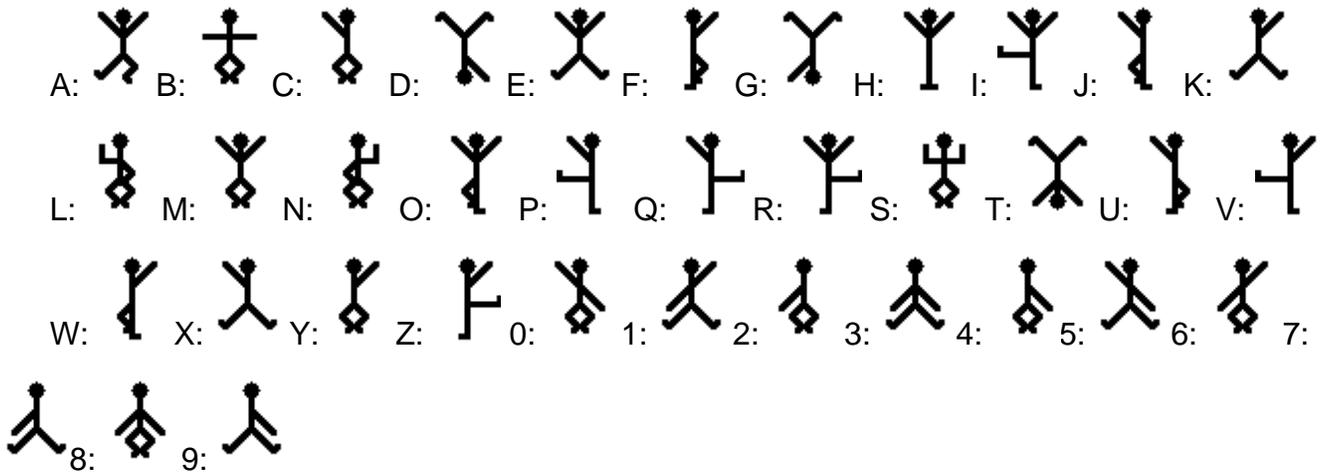
- **Description of the enigma**

A quote will be placed behind a framed photograph of street art by Keith Haring. Players will turn it over and find a quote with the name of the artist written with the dancing men alphabet.



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## DANCING MEN ALPHABET:



## PICTURE:



Source: by Marco\_Pomella on Pixabay



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TEXT:

“Art should be something that liberates your soul, provokes the imagination and

encourages people to go further.” -



Solution: Keith Haring

An interpretation sheet with the dancing men alphabet should be displayed somewhere in the room so that students can decipher the code behind the picture.

The alphabet can be found here: <http://rumkin.com/tools/cipher/substitution.php>

The players will have a smartphone on which a conversation with a chatbot will be open. They will need to send “Keith Haring” in order to access the artists’ Wikipedia page in English ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keith\\_Haring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keith_Haring)). The chatbot will then ask them questions about the three first paragraphs.

What did Haring use his art for?

- a. social activism
- b. aesthetics
- c. money

What is his art called?

- a. baroque
- b. pop art
- c. impressionism



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Where did he draw?

- a. classrooms
- b. sidewalks
- c. subways

When the quiz is over, if they get the correct answer, they will get the clue of the next enigma.

## Hints

1. If they don't turn over the painting, tell them that there are always two sides to look at
2. If they cannot decipher the dancing men, direct them towards the alphabet in the room

## More information

## Possible restrictions

1. If you don't have a tablet or smartphone, you can also just print the Wikipedia page and make the questionnaire in any other way (orally, on paper, etc.)
2. The text should be written with the appropriate font for all learners, including those with Specific Learning Disorders. Ours uses Open Sans in size 12 and 1.5 line spacing.

## References

- ✓ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keith\\_Haring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keith_Haring)
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