



## Overland Telegraph Line

The Overland Telegraph Line was over 3,200 kilometres long and stretched from Port Augusta in South Australia to Darwin in the Northern Territory. Camels played a big part in its construction. They carried wire and rocks for building and food and water for the workers. When the Overland Telegraph Line was completed in 1872 Charles Todd typed a message in Morse code saying the line had been finished. Morse code involves messages being sent by sound using an alphabet of dots and dashes. The Morse code alphabet looks like this -

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 - - · ·		

Dots are a short beep, dashes a long one. Send a Morse code message to a friend by tapping on your table. Make the message about camels. See if your friend can decipher it!

In the grid below write your own code. Then write a camel message using it. See if your friend can decipher your message.

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		