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Codes have been used for thousands of years. While “codes” is a general term that is acceptable to describe all kinds of hidden meanings, really there are two important concepts to know. A cipher mixes the letters themselves, while a code mixes up the message on a word level. Although codes were originally developed for military purposes, civilians have borrowed encoding techniques for a wide variety of purposes including love letters and computer languages.

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Since the information unveiled was so critical, the cryptoanalysts literally saved the day.

VICTORIAN ENGLAND

In Victorian England, strict parents made it hard for lovers to communicate with each other. According to Wilson (1987:115), a British historian, “Lovers would have to invent their own ciphers, which they used to publish notes in newspapers.”

Charles Babbage’s Contribution

Charles Babbage loved to read the paper and try to solve the codes. Once, he saw a message from a student inviting his girlfriend to elope. Babbage wrote in their code and advised them not to act so rashly. The girl soon wrote and asked her boyfriend not to write again because their code had been discovered (Martin and Baily 2001).

Considering Babbage’s contribution to the development of the
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