**Code Breaking Logic**

Consider the code below. Imagine that you’ve started to break a code, and you see that you have about half of the letters, but cannot figure out the rest. What do you do?

Try guess and Check.

1. Guess a code, say 2n + 1, that works for one letter
2. Try thhe code on another letter – if it works, try another letter! If it doesn’t, go back to step 1 and try a new code.

Show your scratch work here. Decode the message below

Label Each Guess, check

GKX KVFB HU BHLKB

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Letter | Number Value | Rule | New Number | New Letter |
| A | 1 |  |  | H |
| B | 2 |  |  |  |
| C | 3 |  |  | R |
| D | 4 |  |  |  |
| E | 5 |  |  | B |
| F | 6 |  |  |  |
| G | 7 |  |  |  |
| H | 8 |  |  | Q |
| I | 9 |  |  |  |
| J | 10 |  |  |  |
| K | 11 |  |  |  |
| L | 12 |  |  |  |
| M | 13 |  |  | P |
| N | 14 |  |  |  |
| O | 15 |  |  |  |
| P | 16 |  |  | E |
| Q | 17 |  |  |  |
| R | 18 |  |  | O |
| S | 19 |  |  |  |
| T | 20 |  |  |  |
| U | 21 |  |  | D |
| V | 22 |  |  |  |
| W | 23 |  |  | N |
| X | 24 |  |  |  |
| Y | 25 |  |  |  |
| Z | 26 |  |  |  |

Critical Thinking Question: Which letters are the best to guess and check with? Why?

Now try it one more time, but with even fewer letters!

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LXCDS NFC MNW WXCZ

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