

## How to write an invisible message

Here are two ways of writing an invisible message for a friend:

### Using Wax

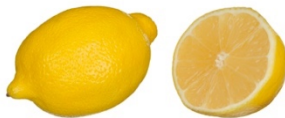


#### YOU NEED

White candle or white wax crayon  
Sheet of white paper  
Watercolour paints  
Paint brush  
Jar of water

1. You need an ordinary white candle or a white wax crayon, plus a sheet of white paper.
2. Use the candle or crayon to write your message.
3. To make the message visible, mix a dark colour with the paint and a bit of water so it is not very thick. Paint this all over the page. The paint will run off the wax and leave the letters magically showing up against the painted background!

### Using lemon, milk or vinegar



#### YOU NEED

Lemon juice (or milk or vinegar)  
A toothpick or cotton bud  
White paper  
Hair dryer or iron (WITH ADULT)

1. You can try this with lemon juice, milk or even vinegar and see which one works best.
2. Using the toothpick or cotton bud as a pen, dip it in the lemon juice (or vinegar or milk) and write your message. Let it dry completely.
3. To make the message appear you need to heat it. **Ask an adult for help with this.** You can use a hair dryer or an iron. As it gets hot the writing should start to turn brown. Which “ink” worked best?