Name _____

CRACK THE CODE

Code Talkers worked in pairs: one sent a message by radio and the other wrote it down in English. Use the code words on the page before and this alphabet to decode a message, then send some words of your own. Spellings are copied from the 1945 dictionary.

◆ THE SPELLING ALPHABET: A NAVAJO WORD FOR EACH LETTER ◆

A WOL-LA-CHEE ant	**B** NA-HASH-CHID badger	**C** MOASI cat	**D** BE deer	**E** AH-JAH ear	**F** CHUO fir
G AH-TAD girl	**H** TSE-GAH hair	**I** TKIN ice	**J** TKELE-CHO-G jackass	**K** JAD-HO-LONI kettle	**L** DIBEH-YAZZIE lamb
M TSIN-TLITI match	**N** TSAH needle	**O** A-KHA oil	**P** CLA-GI-AIH pant	**Q** CA-YEILTH quiver	**R** GAH rabbit
S DIBEH sheep	**T** D-AH tea	**U** SHI-DA uncle	**V** A-KEH-DI-GLINI victor	**W** GLOE-IH weasel	**X** AL-NA-AS-DZOH cross
Y TSAH-AS-ZIH yucca	**Z** BESH-DO-TLIZ zinc				

◆ DECODE THE MESSAGE (USE BOTH TABLES) ◆

A Code Talker hears these ten code words over the radio. Write the English word for each one, then the whole message.

1. LO-TSO
2. DO
3. BESH-LO _____
4. BE-GAHI _____
5. SEIS-KEYAH
6. JO-KAYED-GOH
7. GINI _____
8. DO _____
9. DA-HE-TIH-HI
10. SHIL-LOH

The whole message:

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◆ SPELL THESE WORDS IN CODE, ONE CODE WORD A LINE ◆

A. WIN _____ _____ _____

B. HOPE _____ _____ _____ _____

C. MESA _____ _____ _____ _____

3. **Look at the literal meanings of the airplanes and ships. What do they show about how the Code Talkers chose their code words?**

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