

# Puzzle Solving Cheat Sheet

Stanford Puzzle Hunt

## 1 General

- Think about the title.
- Type it into a search engine.
- Reading down the first letters.
- Try something even if it seems to give gibberish at first.
- Convert numbers in the range 1 to 26 into letters.
- Figure out how to order things.
- Check your work.
- Get someone else to look at it.
- Reuse the puzzle mechanism.
- Call it in.
- Diagonalize.
- Read things out loud.

## 2 Common Codes

- Binary
- Braille
- Morse code
- ASCII
- Caesar cipher
- NATO alphabet
- Semaphore
- Roman numerals
- Resistor codes

## 3 Useful Websites

- Onelook helps find words given some of its letters: <http://onelook.com>
- Rumkin has some great cipher tools: <http://rumkin.com/tools/cipher/>
- Google Drive is great for spreadsheets and can also do things like OCR: <https://drive.google.com/>
- Google reverse image search is useful for identifying images: <http://images.google.com/>