

## Tainted Truck



Polly was eating breakfast at a hotel café in Haiti when she glanced at the headlines in the morning paper. It said, ***“Tainted Tap-Tap Truck!”***. A tap-tap truck is painted bus with unique designs that serve as quick taxis in Haiti.

It looked like she had another case! She skimmed the article for some details.

***One of the local transportation companies has reported that one of their tap-tap trucks was vandalized yesterday around 4:00pm. Authorities are presently looking for suspects and interviewing all people near on the last stop, where the truck was parked. The front of the truck was spray painted with various colors over the beautiful designs that were painted on the truck.***

Polly finished up her breakfast and headed over to the local agency to investigate the area. She had planned on building houses for the Haitian villages while she was here, but that project didn't start until tomorrow. She has plenty of time to work on this investigation today.

As she arrived to the scene of the crime, she took photos on her phone of the tainted truck so she could review them later at the hotel.

While she was taking the photos, she noticed that there was “Haiti” written on the back with spray paint, but the “i” had a heart instead of a dot. *That might be a clue*, thought Polly, and quickly took a close up photo of it.

She went to see the owner of the agency to ask him questions. When Polly stepped in the office, she extended her hand and said, “Hi, I am Polly Paddington and I work as a detective. I want to help you solve the crime of your tainted tap-tap truck.”

“Hi, Polly, my name is Sam. I would be happy for you to help out. What do you need from me?”

“First of all, if I could get a note from all the last passengers that were dropped off near the truck. I would also like notes from the employees of where they were yesterday and if they have any insights. I will have to call all their alibis as well,” stated Polly.

“Of course, anything you need. Unfortunately, we only have two other employees and there were only three people on the last stop yesterday. The truck gets locked up in our gated area after the last drop. Yesterday the driver of the tainted trunk, Jamal, had to quickly run and pick his child up from school. When he came back at 4:00pm, he noticed that the truck was damaged. Since it was a last minute change, he didn't have time to lock it up before he left at 2:30,” declared Sam.

“So, you would say the approximate time period that the truck was damaged was about 2:30-4:00pm?” asked Polly.

“Yes, that was around the time it happened. Well, I am going to go get some photos printed. I will be back in a couple hours. Do you think you will have the notes by then? We already have some notes from the customers on the last drop. I will get the employee contact information for you ASAP,” said Sam.

Polly returned to the agency couple hours later. Using her notebook, she created a grid of where people were during the incident. She also called and confirmed all their alibis. After checking her notes, she smiled. She figured it out! She ran to Sam and exclaimed, “I figured out who did it! Here is all the evidence if you want to call the police. I can explain all the information to them.”

**See if you can figure out who did it by using the clues she wrote down.** . . . . .

# POLLY'S NOTEBOOK

Polly did the first one for you. All of their alibis have been confirmed from their letters. The truck was parked across the street from the shopping center while Jamal picked up his child. See below items of evidence logged in by Polly to help you solve the case.



**Evidence Item #TT-67**—Photo of the back of the truck

**Evidence Item #TT-68**—Photo of the back of the truck

**Evidence items #TT-69**—Letters from employees and customers

Are they near the truck during this time?	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	Do they dot their "I" with a heart?
Jamal [employee]	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Nick [employee]					
Jacques [employee]					
Lelia [customer]					
Sandi [customer]					
Angela [customer]					

I was dropped off at shopping center. I went to the hair salon. I was getting my hair dyed and styled from 2:30-4:30.

Angela

I was picking my kids up from school. I left at 2:30 and returned at 4:00. It takes me 45 minutes each way to drive.

Jamal

I WAS ON MY ROUTE DROPPING PEOPLE OFF ABOUT AN HOUR AWAY. I CALLED SAM TO SAY I WAS ON MY WAY BACK WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE TRUCK.

NICK

Evidence items #TT-69

**I WAS DROPPED OFF AT SHOPPING CENTER. I WAS GETTING ART SUPPLIES FROM 2:30-3:00 FOR MY ART CLASS.**

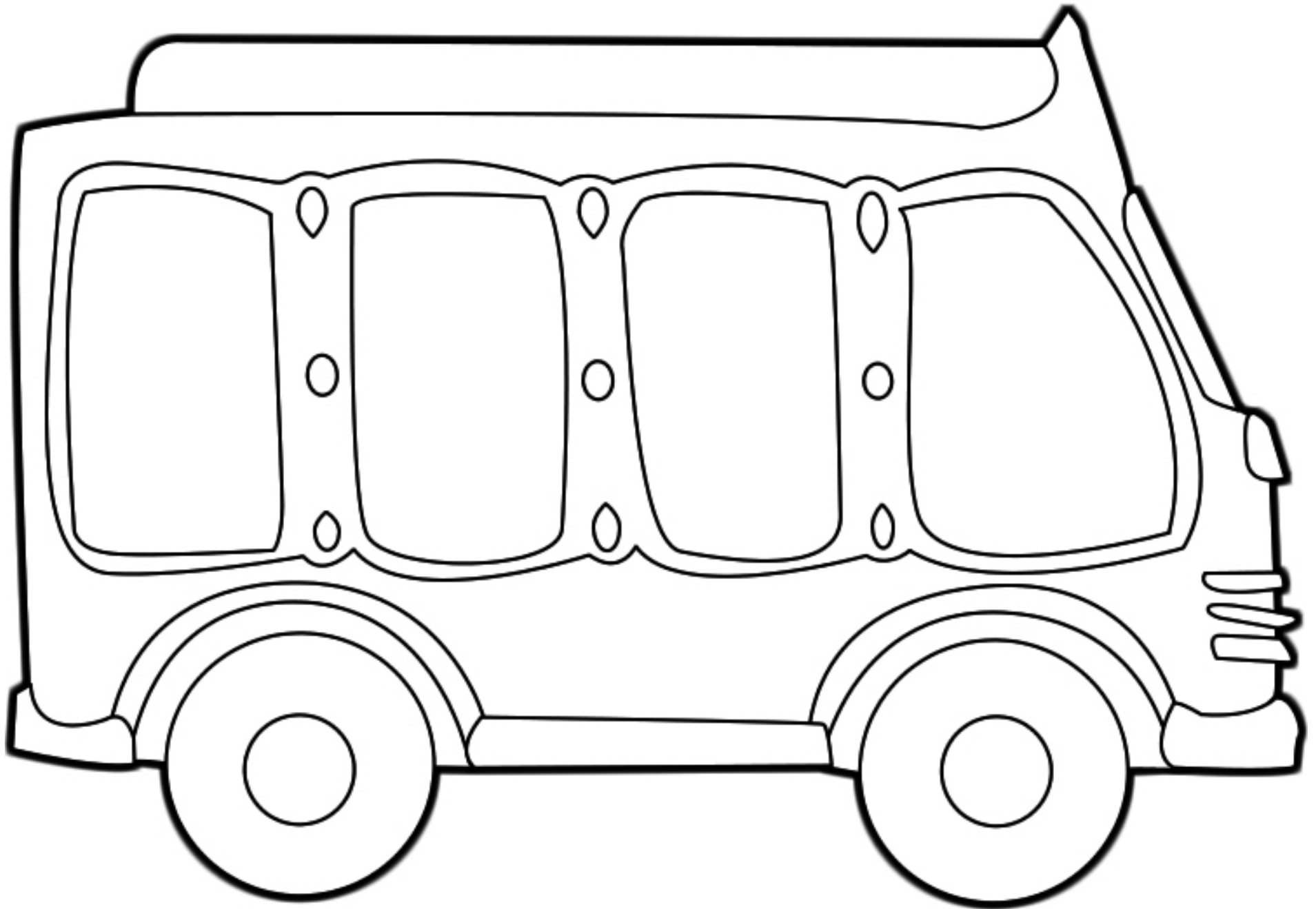
**SANDI**

**I WAS DROPPED OFF AT SHOPPING CENTER. I WAS WORKING AT THE SALON FROM 2:30--8:00**

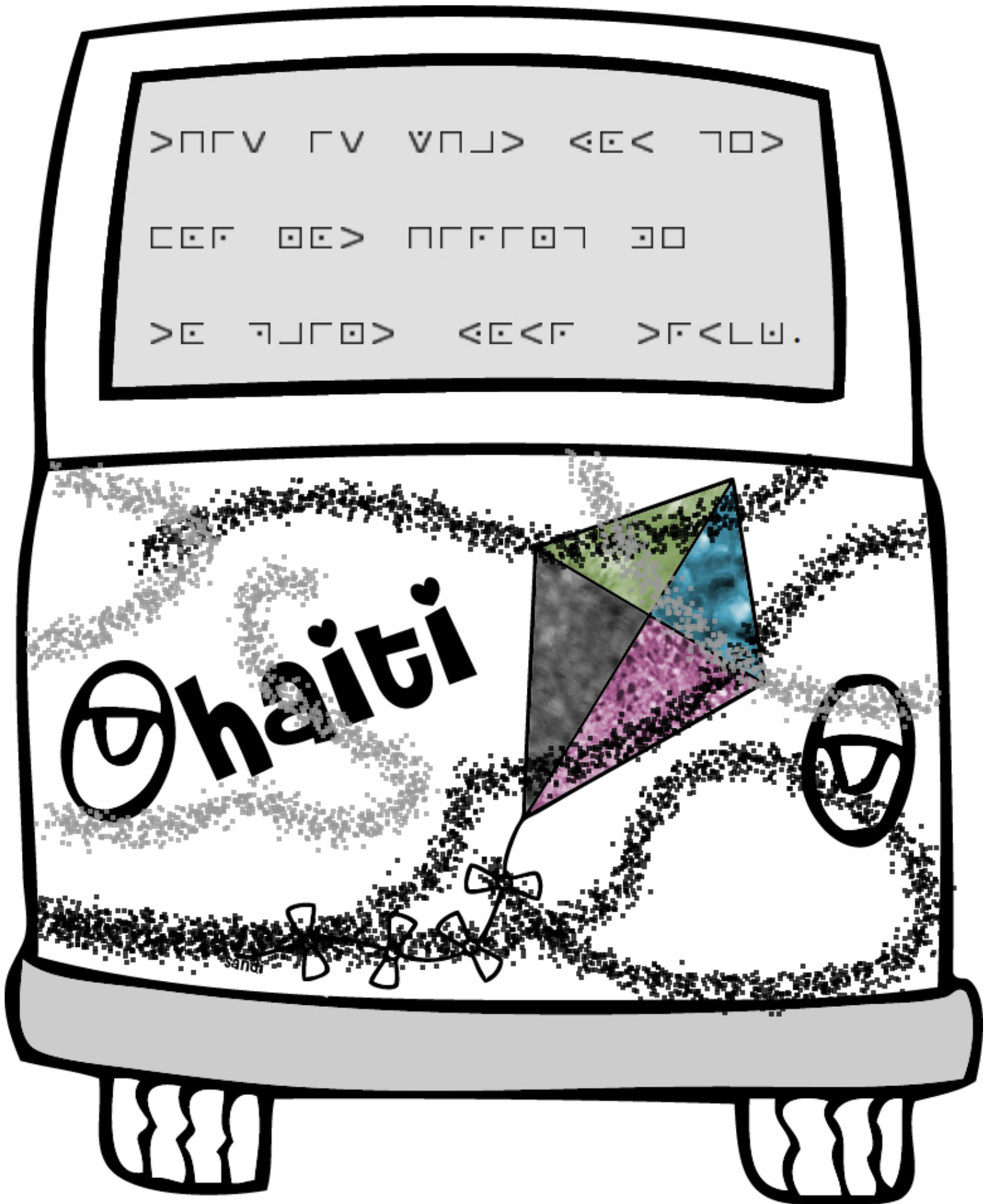
**LELIA**

I was on my working my second job at the local supermarket from 1:00-5:00 yesterday.

Jacques



Tap Tap, meaning quick quick, are buses artistically painted that serve as share taxis in Haiti. Many of the designs feature slogans, portraits of famous people, bright colors, and other unique designs. They follow a specific route and are privately owned.  
**Design your own tap tap truck.**

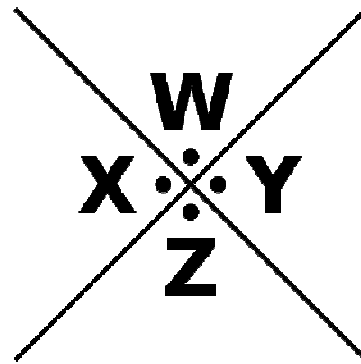
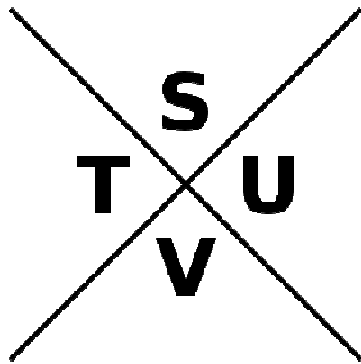


Evidence Item #TT-68—Photo of the back of the truck

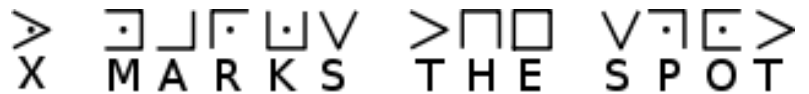
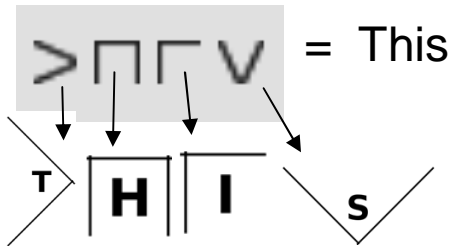
# Pig Pen Cipher

Pig Pen Cipher is a code that uses of symbols instead of letters. It is an easy way to send a message by using lines and dots.

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>



How to use the pig pen cipher. Find the shape and use the letter inside the shape.



Try to crack the code the person left on the back of the bus window by using the pig pen cipher.

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