

A flag is usually a piece of cloth, often flown from a pole or mast. It has symbols and colour on and is generally used for:

- identification
- as a signal

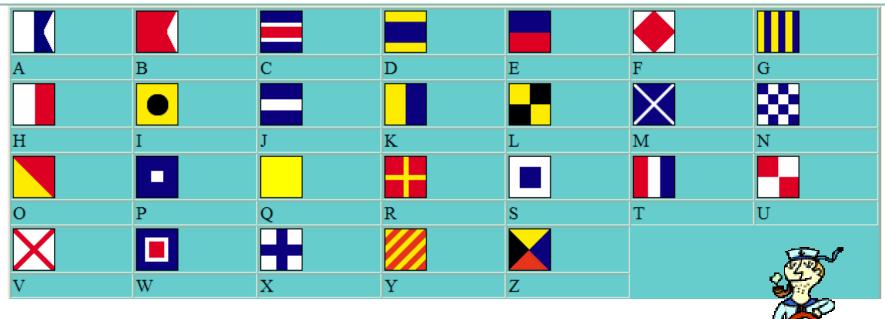
Take a look at what flags are used for...



Flags for Communication

These flags are used to by the navy to communicate.









Yellow Flag

Danger A **static** yellow, (held without movement) means there is a hazard on the track and the message to drivers is: Drive within your limits, do not overtake.

A waved yellow means there is a hazard on the track.

Message: Be prepared to change direction. Slow down, do not overtake.

A **double waved** yellow means the track is partially or fully blocked. Slow down, do not overtake and be prepared to stop.



End of the Race



Beach Safety

FLAGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Swim between the two red and yellow flags



Surf between two black and white chequered flags



Red flag means do not bathe





Flag to identify things and to represent countries...

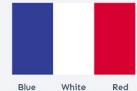
UNITED KINGDOM

THE UNION JACK



The flag consists of the red cross of Saint George (patron saint of England), the Cross of St Patrick (patron saint of Ireland), and the Saltire of Saint Andrew (patron saint of Scotland). Wales, while part of the UK, is not represented in the Union Jack, as at the time the flag was designed Wales was part of the Kingdom of England.

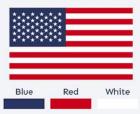
FRANCE TRICOLOUR



The white of the French flag represents the King, and is also the traditional colour of the House of Bourbon who ruled France until the French Revolution. The red and blue represent the city of Paris; these were the colours of the revolutionaries who stormed the Bastille in 1789.

USA

THE STARS AND STRIPES



There have been 28 incarnations of the famous 'Stars and Stripes' since 1775, each with differing numbers of stars and stripes. Today's version has been in use since Independence Day 1960, and consists of 13 horizontal stripes representing the thirteen colonies that declared independence to become the first states of the Union, and 50 stars representing the 50 current states of the USA.

CANADA

THE MAPLE LEAF / L'UNIFOLIÉ



The famous Maple Leaf flag has only been Canada's official flag since 1965, following serious national debate sparked by then Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson. The iconic 11 point maple leaf flag is so synonymous with Canada that it has its own 'National Flag of Canada Day' every February.

GHANA

FLAG OF GHANA



The red represents the blood of those who died in the country's struggle for independence, the gold represents the mineral wealth of the country, the green symbolises the country's rich forests and natural wealth, and the black star is the symbol of African emancipation.

MOZAMBIQUE

FLAG OF MOZAMBIQUE



The Flag of Mozambique is famous for having an AK-47 featured, symbolising the country's bloody struggle for independence. The open book symbolises the importance of education, the hoe the country's strong agriculture, and the star symbolises Marxism and internationalism.

Green

GERMANY

BUNDESFLAGGE (FEDRAL FLAG)



The German association with the colours black, red and yellow dates back as far as 1840, when the Frankfurt Parliament declared black-red-gold as the official colours of Germany. The colours are said to represent democracy, and the current form of the flag was introduced following Germany's reunification in 1990.

NEPAL

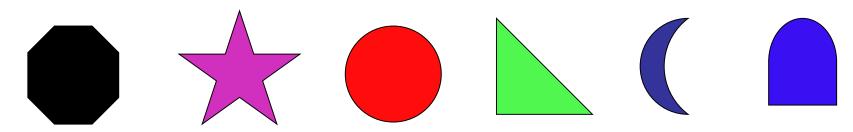
FLAG OF NEPAL



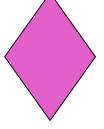
The unusual shape symbolises the peaks of the Himalayas, with the sun and moon symbols representing calm and resolve. Its crimson red is the colour of the rhododendron, the country's national flower, and the blue border signifies peace.

make your very own flag





You can use these shapes in your flag if you wish

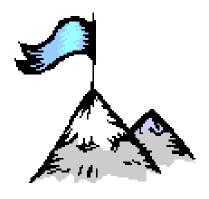












My Flag by _____

