



# Answers to Chapter 8 questions

## Activity 8.1

a

Stage	Sender	Recipient
1	the sender uses an encryption algorithm (see later) and chooses a value – e.g. $X = 3$ (this is kept secret)	the recipient uses the same algorithm and also chooses a value – e.g. $Y = 5$ (this is also kept secret)
2	this value of $X$ is put into a simple algorithm: $7^3 \pmod{11}$ (MOD gives the remainder when dividing a number by 11) this gives: $7^3 \pmod{11} = 343 \pmod{11}$ which gives the value: $2$ (i.e. 31 remainder 2)	the value of $Y$ is put into the same algorithm: $7^5 \pmod{11}$ (MOD gives the remainder when dividing a number by 11) this gives: $7^5 \pmod{11} = 16807 \pmod{11}$ which gives the value: $10$ (i.e. 1527 remainder 10)
3	the sender now sends the value just calculated (i.e. $2$ ) to the recipient	the recipient now sends the value just calculated (i.e. $10$ ) to the sender
4	this new value is put into the same algorithm – the new value replaces “7”: $10^X \pmod{11}$ this gives: $10^3 \pmod{11} = 1000 \pmod{11}$ which gives the value: $10$ (i.e. 90 remainder 10)	this new value is put into the same algorithm the new value replaces “7”: $2^Y \pmod{11}$ this gives: $2^5 \pmod{11} = 32 \pmod{11}$ which gives the value: $10$ (i.e. 2 remainder 10)

b

Stage	Sender	Recipient
1	the sender uses an encryption algorithm (see later) and chooses a value – e.g. $X = 7$ (this is kept secret)	the recipient uses the same algorithm and also chooses a value – e.g. $Y = 6$ (this is also kept secret)
2	this value of $X$ is put into a simple algorithm: $7^7 \pmod{11}$ (MOD gives the remainder when dividing a number by 11) this gives: $7^7 \pmod{11} = 823543 \pmod{11}$ which gives the value: $6$ (i.e. 74867 remainder 6)	the value of $Y$ is put into the same algorithm: $7^Y \pmod{11}$ (MOD gives the remainder when dividing a number by 11) this gives: $7^6 \pmod{11} = 117649 \pmod{11}$ which gives the value: $4$ (i.e. 10695 remainder 4)
3	the sender now sends the value just calculated (i.e. $6$ ) to the recipient	the recipient now sends the value just calculated (i.e. $4$ ) to the sender
4	this new value is put into the same algorithm – the new value replaces “7”: $4^X \pmod{11}$ this gives: $4^7 \pmod{11} = 16384 \pmod{11}$ which gives the value: $5$ (i.e. 1489 remainder 5)	this new value is put into the same algorithm the new value replaces “7”: $6^Y \pmod{11}$ this gives: $6^6 \pmod{11} = 46656 \pmod{11}$ which gives the value: $5$ (i.e. 4241 remainder 5)