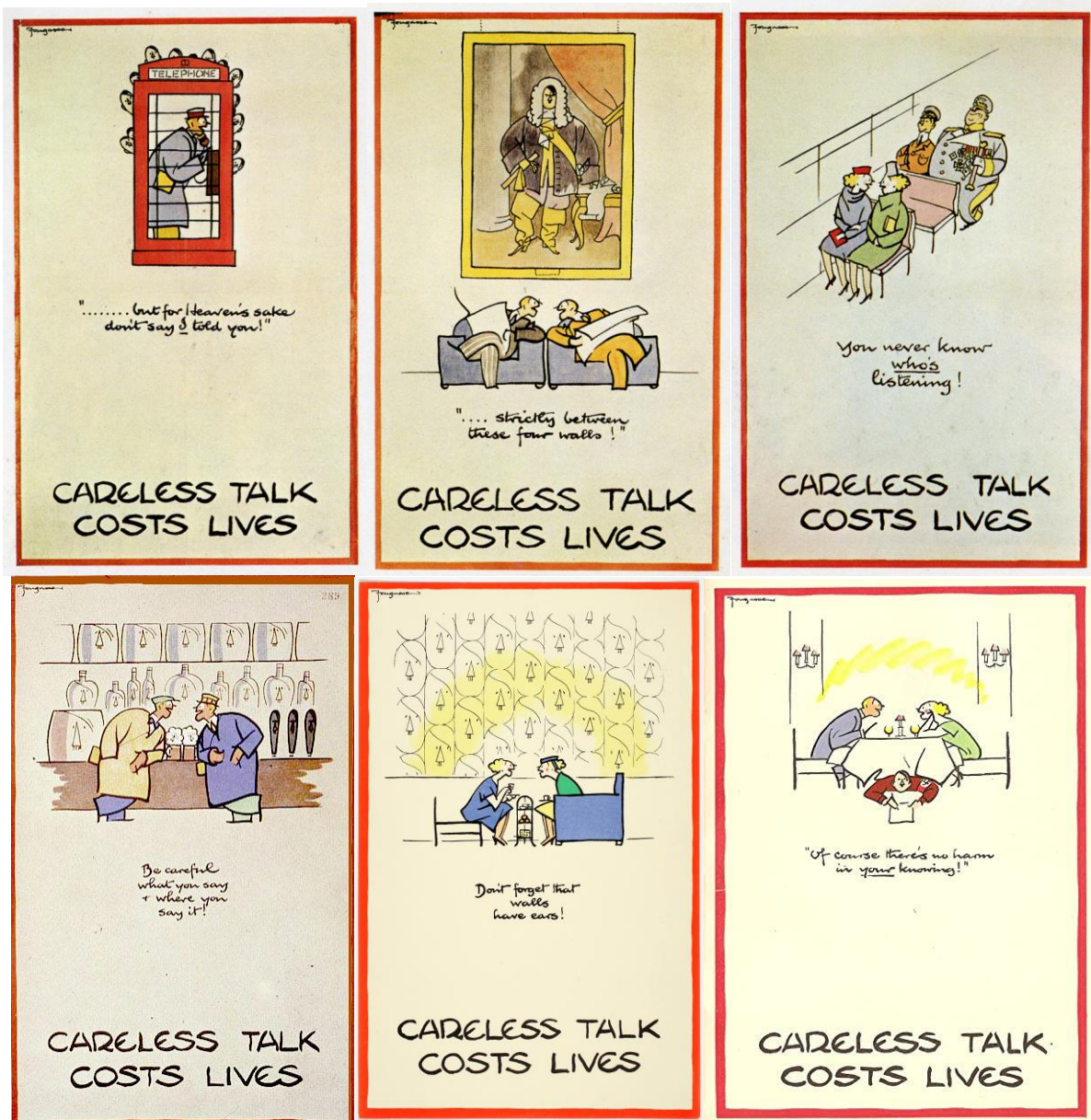


**Careless talk costs lives,
The threat of spies in wartime**

At the start of the war people were worried that German soldiers would be sent to this country in disguise to spy on its people and what they were doing for the War Effort. Spies seemed to be everywhere and posters about keeping 'mum' (the sound you make when your lips are closed) appeared everywhere. Soon other posters appeared under the tag line **Careless Talk Cost Lives** (showing Adolf Hitler (the leader of Germany) listening in from various hiding places – see if you can spot him in the posters below) and children especially were urged to look out for strangers behaving oddly.

Could you design your own poster about keeping things secret?



People believed that Hitler and his spies were EVERYWHERE listening into conversations and finding out all our secrets. These secret agents then sent the information back to Germany on radios in Morse Code.

Morse Code is a way of sending messages using short and long notes over a radio signal (dots and dashes). We're going to have a go at learning it on the next page.

This is Morse Code and the letters that can be made up using dots and dashes – for a long time this was how all planes and ships communicated with each other over long distances and people had to very fast at sending and deciphering (working out what it said) at the other end:

A ..	B -...	C -.-.	D -...	E .	F
G -...	H	I ..	J .-...	K -.-	L -....
M --	N -.	O ---	P -...-	Q --.-	R .-.
S ...	T -	U ...-	V ...-	W -.-	X -.-.
Y -....	Z -...-	1 .-----	2 ..---	3 ...--	4-
5	6 -....	7 -.....	8 -.....	9 -.....	0 -----

Using the Morse Code on this page, can you work out these two wartime messages?

We / shall / never / surrender

keep / it / under / your / hat / careless / talk / costs / lives

Now you've cracked the code – why not have a go at writing your own secret messages to each other?