# Decipher the Code: THE MAURYAN EMPIRE OF INDIA <mark>Answer Key</mark>

Use the following code to uncover the coded terms in the sentences below.

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| **1** | The Mauryan Empire of India was founded by 3-8-1-14-4-18-1-7-21-16-20-1 Maurya in 321 BCE. <br> <mark>CHANDRAGUPTA</mark> |
| **2** | At the beginning of the 4th century BCE, Chandragupta Maurya defeated 19-5-12-5-21-3-21-19, a general of Alexander the Great. <br> <mark>SELEUCUS</mark> |
| **3** | 13-5-7-1-19-20-8-5-14-5-19 served as the ambassador of Seleucus to the Mauryan Empire. <br> <mark>MEGASTHENES</mark> |
| **4** | 11-1-21-20-9-12-25-1 was Chandragupta's chief adviser. <br><br> <mark>KAUTILYA</mark> |
| **5** | Kautilya wrote the 1-18-20-8-1-19-1-19-20-18-1. A guidebook for ruling an empire. <br><br> <mark>ARTHASASTRA</mark> |
| **6** | Chandragupta Maurya's grandson, 1-19-15-11-1, came to the Mauryan throne in 269 BCE. <br><br> <mark>ASOKA</mark> |
| **7** | In his guilt over the deaths caused by his military campaigns, Asoka turned to 2-21-4-4-8-9-19-13. <br> <mark>BUDDHISM</mark> |
| **8** | Asoka supported a policy of 18-5-12-9-7-9-15-21-19   20-15-12-5-18-1-20-9-15-14, meaning that people would be treated fairly regardless of their religious beliefs. <br> <mark>RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE</mark> |
| **9** | The 1-14-4-8-18-1 dynasty came to power in central India following the death of Asoka in 232 BCE. <br> <mark>ANDHRA</mark> |
| **10** | The people of southern India, an area the Mauryans never conquered, spoke the 20-1-13-9-12 language. <br> <mark>TAMIL</mark> |