

The background of the page is a photograph of several skydivers in various poses against a clear blue sky. One skydiver is in the upper left, another in the middle left, and a group of three is in the lower half. The skydiver in the foreground is wearing a blue and yellow suit. The text is overlaid on a dark blue rectangular background that is part of the overall image.

# 4-*Way* SKYDIVING RANDOM MNEMONICS



# FAQ's

## Why do 4-way Enthusiasts use Letters and Numbers instead of words?

Mostly for ease of communication. The use of the shorthand code makes it easier to write 40 different dives a day on a whiteboard at the tunnel, text to a team, and faster to say.

At much higher speeds it becomes too slow to think a full word – “**cattacord**” is much longer to mentally say than just plain old “**G**”.

## Where do the abbreviations come from?

They are entirely random, hence the need for fun mnemonics! They do not correspond to the 8-way formations and have nothing to do with reality.

## How important is it that I learn the letters?

Not as important as learning the shapes! Start by learning what a stairstep diamond looks like. After you accomplish this, you may want to start transitioning to the abbreviated codes. Ideally whatever stage your team is they share a language so the coach doesn't have to duplicate the names and the letters!

## What is the best way to use these cards?

Start by enjoying the cartoons and familiarizing yourself with the links. Really imagine the absurdity of the picture using all your senses – can you hear the elephant squeaking when seeing the mouse? Feel yourself climbing the ladder and skipping over the adder?

Stop and quiz yourself. Can you remember A? D? If you can't remember the name, try to conjure a mental image of the picture. It is important you struggle to recall before you look up the answer. If you look too soon it might not stick the next time!

Repeat the process until you can quiz yourself seamlessly. Revisit the exercise regularly until you have them down pat!

## Do you have one for blocks/numbers? How about 8way?

That is trickier! Letters can represent sounds and words, numbers are more abstract. If someone has a clever way of crafting this mnemonic contact me so I can make it!

The 8way randoms are a future possibility!

Stay tuned to [furycoaching.com](http://furycoaching.com)....

# Skydiving Random Mnemonics

**A** UNIPOD  
*LINK: APPLE POD*



HE WAS STUFFED IN  
LIKE AN APPLE IN A POD.

**B** STAIRSTEP DIAMOND  
*LINK: BEARSTEP DIAMOND*



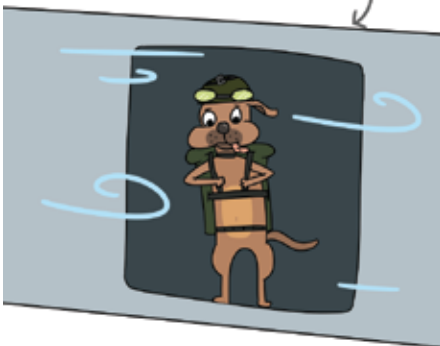
THE EXHAUSTED BEAR STEPS  
WHILE SPORTING HER DIAMOND.

**C** MURPHY FLAKE  
*LINK: CRAZY FLAKE*



MURPHY'S LAW STATES THAT  
YOUR SPECIAL SNOWFLAKE  
IS PROBABLY A CRAZY FLAKE.

**D** YUAN  
*LINK: D' U WANNA?*



D' YOU WANNA JUMP?

**E** MEEKER  
*LINK: EEEKER MOUSE*



EEEKER MOUSE FRIGHTENED  
ALL HIS FRIENDS.

**F** OPEN ACCORDION  
*LINK: FLYING ACCORDIONS*



THE FLYING ACCORDION STORE WAS  
OPEN A FEW SHORT MINUTES  
BEFORE THE INVENTORY ESCAPED.

**G** CATTACORD  
*LINK: GATOR ACCORDION*



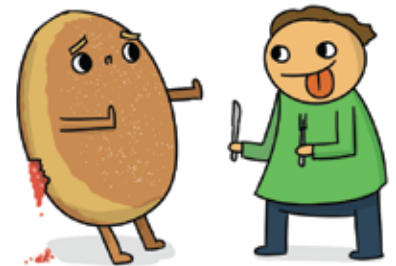
THE GATOR PLAYED  
HIS ACCORDION NIGHTLY.

**H** BOW  
*LINK: HOBO BOW*



THE HOBO SHOT THE BOW.

**J** DONUT  
*LINK: JELLY DONUT*



THE JELLY DONUT BACKED  
AWAY FROM THE HUNGRY MAN.



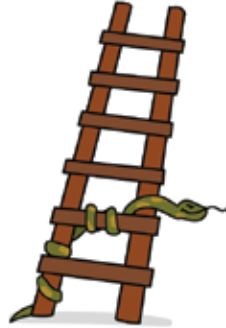
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**K** HOOK  
LINK: KANGAROO HOOK



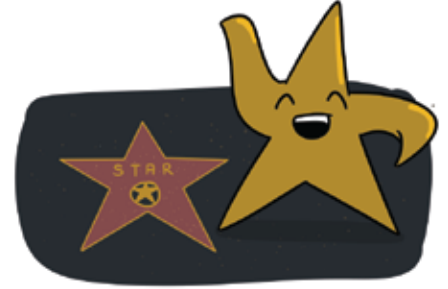
THE EMBARRASSED KANGAROO GOT THE HOOK AFTER THE FIRST ACT.

**L** ADDER  
LINK: LADDER SNAKES



THE CREEPY SNAKE COILED AROUND THE LADDER.

**M** STAR  
LINK: I M A STAR



SHE GLOATED "I AMMM A STAR!"

**N** CRANK  
LINK: NASTY OLD CRANK



THE NASTY CRANK FARMER CHASED THE NICE YOUNG SKYDIVERS OFF OF HIS LAWN.

**O** SATELLITE  
LINK: OH NO! SATELLITE!



OH NO! THE OTTER WILL BE HIT BY THE SATELLITE.

**P** SIDEBODY  
LINK: SIDE OF PEABODY



SHERMAN, FED UP, FINALLY JUST HAD A BURGER WITH A SIDE OF PEABODY.

**Q** PHALANX  
LINK: QUAIL PHALANX



LESSER KNOWN WERE THE GREEK'S PHALANX OF QUAILS COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS THE QUIVER

