***Sunday, 1 January:***

You arrive at the Riverside Warehouses to find a note at the security office:

Hello Police,

Sorry I’m not here – I went fishing.

But feel free to investigate the container that was burgled. It’s number 465. I’ll be in touch when I’m back.

Regards,

Brian (Security Guard)

Well, that’s helpful, you think to yourselves….

You track down container 465 and find it has a brand-new padlock with a combination. There’s a note next to the lock:

*The combination to the container is a 3-digit number:*

*Find the* ***British English*** *names for the 3 punctuation marks recommended for subject lines. Put them in alphabetical order and count the number of letters in each one. That’s your combination!*

*Here are the possible choices:*

**COLONS HYPHENS COMMAS PARENTHESES**

**DASHES BRACKETS ELLIPSES PIPES**

For example, if you think the British English for the 3 recommended punctuation marks for subject lines are hyphens, pipes, and dashes, you’d put these in alphabetical order and count the number of letters in each: dashes (6 letters), hyphens (7 letters), and pipes (5 letters) – and this would give you 675. (*This is the wrong answer, by the way. It’s just an example!*) 😊

Once you have your 3-digit number, report it to the Chief of Police and you’ll get into the container if you’re correct. (Hint: the handbook at the back of your MBeC binders could be useful here….)

Good luck!