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Knots

Different knots are used for different kinds of sailing tasks. Read the chart below and use the pieces of rope provided to have a go at knotting your own.

What knot?	What's it for?	How do I tie it?
REEF KNOT	Tying a rope round something or tying two ropes together (as long as they are the same thickness). Traditionally used for tying reef points in a sail.	
FIGURE OF EIGHT	A stopper knot tied at the end of a rope to stoop it slipping through a block.	2 1 1 1 1
ROUND TURN AND TWO HALF HITCHES	Tying a rope to a post or a ring eg. For tying mooring lines.	
BOWLINE	For making a secure loop in a rope. Used for attaching sheets to the corner of a sail.	