

Mark Twain Cryptograms — Set 2

6 puzzles · Large print · answers on the last page

Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: O = E

Medium · 46 letters

V Z O N J E T X V Z J E O T

X C O J X M J B Q J E U

A E V X G V Z O X C O J

M A B B O O C M .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

2. Clue: A = E

Expert · 47 letters

L I D Q S T A P P V M B T W

U A I A T F D Q W D G Y R A

L V A I A P U D T A P V Y X A

J A A Q .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

3. Clue: G = E

Expert · 49 letters

N A F N L P X N L G Y S X N

I T M F T V M G N L P D K H G

L T I G . M G N F X

G O S D S Y P Q G P N .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

4. Clue: F = E

Expert · 54 letters

Q F A J Q Q C N I F

B E K S Q F, B F J P A Z,

J U Y W N U G F P F

A B J U L W, U X T, S E A

A B F A E P L F Z W.

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

5. Clue: O = E

Medium · 54 letters

V G F Q Y K O S E

Q O E S E C Y I V O C G

L O Y Q, B Y E C O Q J G L

L O Y Q, I G C Y R E O I V O

G L L O Y Q.

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

6. Clue: R = E

Expert · 55 letters

N U R O R C O R X T
B R T B Z R K U T C O R
V E J N R W T S E Z P C O
C W N U R
T S R O - O R I J X R Y
T X R W .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Solver's cheat sheet	
Most common letters	E T A O I N S H R D L U
Most common 1-letter words	A I
Most common 2-letter words	OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US AM
Most common 3-letter words	THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE
Common double letters	LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC
Common word endings	-ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST

Answer key

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1. "The man with a new idea is a Crank until the idea succeeds."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

Cipher key: A=U B=C C=D D=G E=N F=V G=L H=F I=X J=A K=P L=Z M=S N=M O=E P=J Q=R R=Y S=B T=W
U=K V=T W=O X=I Y=Q Z=H

2. "Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

Cipher key: A=E B=U C=P D=I E=G F=Y G=C H=Q I=R J=B K=Z L=W M=O N=F O=J P=S Q=N R=T S=K T=L
U=M V=H W=D X=V Y=A Z=X

3. "Truth is the most valuable thing we have. Let us economize it."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

Cipher key: A=R B=D C=X D=N E=P F=U G=E H=W I=V J=F K=G L=H M=L N=T O=C P=I Q=Z R=K S=O T=A
U=J V=B W=Q X=S Y=M Z=Y

4. "Let all give humble, hearty, and sincere thanks, now, but the turkeys."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*

Cipher key: A=T B=H C=G D=Q E=U F=E G=C H=X I=V J=A K=M L=K M=P N=I O=J P=R Q=L R=Z S=B T=W
U=N V=F W=S X=O Y=D Z=Y

5. "Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *Pudd'nhead Wilson*

Cipher key: A=W B=M C=T D=X E=S F=U G=O H=Q I=N J=Y K=G L=F M=J N=P O=E P=V Q=R R=B S=I T=L
U=Z V=C W=D X=K Y=A Z=H

6. "There are no people who are quite so vulgar as the over-refined ones."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

Cipher key: A=B B=P C=A D=K E=U F=X G=Y H=M I=F J=I K=W L=J M=Z N=T O=R P=G Q=C R=E S=V T=O
U=H V=Q W=S X=N Y=D Z=L