

Mark Twain Cryptograms — Set 3

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: A = S

Hard · 56 letters

T N F T G A S X U B I Q H .

H Q B A F B N N I U T H B L G

A X R D Y D X Y N D T V S

T A H X V B A Q H Q D

U D A H .

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: D = E

Medium · 56 letters

D S D E M P Q D K L B

V P P Q , B Q T N B L B

T B E W L K T D G N K F N

N D Q D S D E L N P G L R P

B Q M I P T 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

3. Clue: U = E

Medium · 57 letters

M V R H V Y T C J U N L T

U L P Y S V S U L H T R B

U T W K H U L W Q U H P Y R V .

L T B R I U H Z L T ' P , Y

Z U L T .

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: U = E

Hard · 57 letters

M A U K U B K U B S S

I Z C N D T J

F T C D F Z U C F U D ,

P U F B V D U M A U K U B K U

B S S I Z C N D T J R U C .

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: A = E

Hard · 57 letters

R S R P E K P A F A V

R P N Y O E P X J D Y C O R Y

O E K T D Y K E W A

E P Q Z D A P M A K O R F A

S R W A O E S .

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: D = A

Hard · 59 letters

Q J S F X O T A V D P J

X D P I J P F W E L F L E

S O F X F X D T F X J

D T T W N D T K J W Q D

A W W I J R D C E M J .

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

After an apostrophe

T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

— Mark Twain, 1901, *Note to the Young People's Society*

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

2. "Every one is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

3. "By trying we can easily learn to endure adversity. Another man's, I mean."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

4. "There are all kinds of consciences, because there are all kinds of men."

— Mark Twain, 1906, *What Is Man? and Other Essays*

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

5. "A man is never anything but what his outside influences have made him."

— Mark Twain, 1906, *What Is Man? and Other Essays*

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

6. "Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example."

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

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