

Mark Twain Cryptograms — Set 4

6 puzzles · Standard 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: X = T

Medium · 62 letters

P Z X Q M W Z X T O U V R Q P

R L J X T Z R L L P M . W Q X R L J

X T Z H X T Z J Z M X L R Q M

I L Q P F U L X M Q I I Z Z F .

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: C = T

Hard · 64 letters

Z X Q C P C N Q R P X Q V Z H W N C

C V N S I T R P J Z C Z N Q

T Z W V C , X N L N T R Z X G

P Y I F C C V N R I T P J Z C Z N 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: U = E

Hard · 66 letters

V Z T N S N A H U T K H

N Z U T G M U Z O T Z U R U Z U X O

N M U N Q J U Y N Z U R S N S U P

J D N M U P T R U

W Z J G U P P S J K .

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: K = E

Medium · 68 letters

M S M H X A S K I S E K J Y H K

S E Y S S E K B Y I R E X J Y I ' S

S K N N Y N M K S E M I Z H E K

M H S E K U K H S O W P Q K X A

X I K .

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: N = E

Medium · 68 letters

A N M P H N K S N Z E C G H C M C

A R E N M Q Z M O Q N K O N

W C L N M C S R N N E N K M Q N

P K S N G M Z B N G O R A A I N

H C G G 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

6. Clue: X = T

Medium · 69 letters

X G W E M R J G K D L

K L X W R X M X D K C L K T G D L

E K S W L X U D L X J D R X K

X G W L X M X C W X G M X J W M Q L

M T D B - F W M 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

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. "Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

2. "In statesmanship get the formalities right, never mind about the moralities."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

3. "Gratitude and treachery are merely the two extremities of the same procession."

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

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

4. "It is often the case that the man who can't tell a lie thinks he is the best judge of one."

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

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

5. "Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry."

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

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

6. "The man who is ostentatious of his modesty is twin to the statue that wears a fig-leaf."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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