

Mark Twain Cryptograms — Set 6

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: L = N

Hard · 74 letters

L K L U K T F W E S L B S Y U S W

 G S L X Y Z J Q F U W S W Q B U

 T K F L Q S Z L - M U L , K J B S H T

 Z Q W E F W W U C L U W W ; I F Q

 D U E S L Q J X .

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: F = E

Easy · 75 letters

Y Z F Y L M Q F R Y I M

I M P O H O Z T C O L L F P F Z U F I

W F M S F F Z X U X M X Z C X

D O F O I M Q X M X U X M Q X I

Y Z D K Z O Z F D O B F I .

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: B = T

Easy · 76 letters

W D B H D H Q E D B F D

Y N I D C Y B M B M S G Y S U Q

G Q B M S G Q G L M A Q C D G S B

J F S H Q E D Y M B Y W Q J Y S C

M B Y Y S G X Y D M B F D 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

4. Clue: H = E

Medium · 78 letters

E S F ' L Q R D L N A L M V S G D

A P P G X A S F X . N M H F L M H V

R D H O S F H V S G I R V

X L A P P H Y A X L C G L V S G

M R T H W H R X H E L S P A T 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

5. Clue: J = A

Medium · 79 letters

V R C G W O E R F W G V R X P C V D .

R H X W V J P W V I P R P J G

B W E W K U K J C S J V W D D

Z J Z A K W G J G C H G P W P J S

K J C S J V J G X W E R C 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 = T

Hard · 80 letters

M V Z G D G A M V Z G D , V F Y
 F K D D K Z U Q P L F W K L D K Q
 D M U B G F Y K B Z R V F R C V F ,
 Z L D S K V H U Y
 Y K B F A D V G O A V A D U E V D
 V D G C U .

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. "None of us can have as many virtues as the fountain-pen, or half its cussedness; but we can try."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

2. "One of the most striking differences between a cat and a lie is that a cat has only nine lives."

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

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

3. "Let me make the superstitions of a nation and I care not who makes its laws or its songs either."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

4. "Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist but you have ceased to live."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

5. "Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who has merely laid an egg cackles as if she had laid an asteroid."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

6. "Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed downstairs a step at a time."

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

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