

Mark Twain Cryptograms — Set 7

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: H = E

Easy · 80 letters

F E Y H L H V C E W H P E

E A Q E Y H P A C J M T

Q M M E A F V R Q M F R H ;

F E F P T F I I H L H V S H

C I C O F V F C V E A Q E

X Q R H P

A C L P H - L Q S H P .

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: L = E

Easy · 81 letters

D Y L A L J A L D S F

D M X L E M Q J X J Q ' E

Z M T L S Y L Q Y L

E Y F H Z W Q F D

E O L N H Z J D L : S Y L Q

Y L N J Q ' D J T T F A W

M D , J Q W S Y L Q Y L

N J 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: X = A

Medium · 82 letters

W X Q O L D J X P D N Q I D

M R E O N Q A S Q I X W

X V V D Q S Q D K R L

E L R V N ; J X W A R O M Z

I X B D J X Z D I S J

A S Q I X W X V V D Q S Q D

K R L N X W Z .

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: C = E

Hard · 83 letters

Q Z K C O R T M W T J C

R T Z C N O K W L C F O ;

U A W W N Q C W W V C

O A F F B T F A C N O T

H N P P N A Y A L W V T B C

L N Y C U N I P W N

I K B K I C K W X K W V .

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: H = E

Medium · 83 letters

K X R A T A O O X W O K H

V H Y D A I H W O W

P A V O X W L S Q V A H J H

W O W C N L H V W B ? A O

A T P H I W N T H K H W V H

L D O O X H M H V T D L

A L J D B J H 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: N = I

Easy · 87 letters

Y A F Y L N M M Y A C J P S A

Y L C J W N D Y N E J , R F Y

N Y N M R S D C F M S

W N D Y N E J N M

E R X N P S B Y E M Y N D Z

Y E I E M M N R N X N Y N S M ;

Y A F Y L N M J ' Y .

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. "It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horse-races."

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

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

2. "There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it, and when he can."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

3. "Nature makes the locust with an appetite for crops; man would have made him with an appetite for sand."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

4. "Grief can take care of itself; but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

5. "Why is it that we rejoice at a birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the person involved."

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

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

6. "Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; Truth isn't."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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