

Mark Twain Cryptograms — Set 9

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 = A

Medium · 94 letters

S O J W O C O T H J Z P

O J B S N P Z I O Q O E D Z

S O I W H J Z H J W H S

X W O J X W N C Z

N X W Z P C, E R X H X H C

X W Z C O S Z S O I W H J Z

O J B V N P F C H J X W Z

C O S Z V O A .

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: N = E

Easy · 96 letters

R S N G T N E T M N H E

G E F P N Y T N K F A Y R N

C P N Y S C P T M J

E Q Q N G H N H ; J N F

H N N T H E R G L G S L Y

T P L I C F N S N C P F G E

W C G W A K S P N Y T N K F Y

S L W Y N M 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

Easy · 99 letters

F B Z M O M O D M K

U T U B L F Q M O D . F Q U

X U Z Y Q E Z K V O Y U Z

J M F F U B Z G R V O A ;

Y Z P G M N G V E U B M K

O V F Q M O D J P F

Y Z J J Z D U E M F Q Z

Y V G G U D U

U A P Y Z F M V O .

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

Easy · 103 letters

D V U Z A Y U H J U L F

P B W Z F V U Z P G X U Y

W H T A E C M Y U U C X J U

B U W B J U D V W A O Z W D

V C Q U M W Z U F W C

X U F F U Y D W Y J T, A C G

G W Q U T F W J U C T C

T A H H U Y U Z F J A H 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

5. Clue: K = I

Easy · 105 letters

K B R N P X K J O P X G

H L G Z U K A Y E N Y G A E

V G O W I K V

X Z N H X W Z N P H, I W

Q K F F A N L S K L W R N P.

L I K H K H L I W

X Z K A J K X G F

E K B B W Z W A J W

S W L Q W W A G E N Y G A E

G V G A.

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: G = T

Easy · 108 letters

X Z A H L X P F F P V L O G

G I Z I P V R G K L J G I Z

P H G , X Z A H L X P F F

P V L O G G I Z I P V R G K

L J G I Z V Z Z , V O G X Z

A H L X H L G I R H Y P G

P F F P V L O G G I Z

I P V R G K L J G I Z

L W K G Z D .

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. "Man has a finer and more capable machine in him than those others, but it is the same machine and works in the same way."

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

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

2. "When people do not respect us we are sharply offended; yet deep down in his private heart no man much respects himself."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

3. "Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education."

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

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

4. "When I reflect upon the number of disagreeable people who I know have gone to a better world, I am moved to lead a different life."

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

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

5. "If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man."

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

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

6. "We know all about the habits of the ant, we know all about the habits of the bee, but we know nothing at all about the habits of the oyster."

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

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