

Mark Twain Cryptograms — Set 11

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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: D = O

Easy · 117 letters

M I N V J U I N S K I

D A C I K G I D G R I ' U

V G G K D O V R , Z T M I W D

K Z Y C A V J W A K H

C V K W ; L S A D S K D M J

Z U M D K A C V

C S J W K I W D T Z A , V J W

J D M V H C V U L I I J

T D S J W D S A D T

U I N S K Z J Y A C V 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: B = T

Medium · 117 letters

F C L D M B C H I M A B B I

V I P I F D B K M A O

D E D Y Q V C Q B K C B

Q I J V I A ' B U C A B B I

V I . B K M P M P B K D

O I W V D A Y J W D G I Y

C X Z J M Y M A O B K D

K C S M B I G V I M A O

Q I J Y V J B Q U M B K I J B

H C M 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

3. Clue: R = T

Hard · 117 letters

L Q T H J Y Z S L E R M Q

X T R O Y Z R Y G Y S P T S

J Y Z Q E W T M Q Y V M T

Y G R L Y R Q V H X O R Y

P Y : R Q S Y L V R V H

R Q T G V S T Y S R E B T

V R R Y R Q T

L E R M Q - R V H B T S . R Q T

G Y S N T S V O R Q T

I Z V M B T O R .

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: G = E

Easy · 128 letters

B C G C P H Q Y E R R U P F

P Z Z S U G F X R C U Y U R

P Z R P R O G G B E F X

R B G E X Q E F X H P Q E H

E F X G F X W S U F D E

F E B W S G B C E B U B

O U H H H E R B B C S P W D C

E O C P H G H U Z G B U V G ,

U Z F P B E R M G X B P

H G F X V P F G 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

5. Clue: P = E

Medium · 139 letters

S L F N W I G F S W C F Y F

N S V N N S P A W I V H

F P O F P P O V J H P F Y F

N W E P I Q P L U P

A W I V H L N G V O R S W C

N W V U W L R L N, V O R

N S V N N S P L A A W I V H

F P O F P P O V J H P F Y F

N W E P I Q P L U P

L A A W I V H L N G V O R

S W C N W P O X W G L N .

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. "We can secure other people's approval, if we do right and try hard; but our own is worth a hundred of it, and no way has been found out of securing that."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

2. "Make it a point to do something every day that you don't want to do. This is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

3. "When your watch gets out of order you have choice of two things to do: throw it in the fire or take it to the watch-tinker. The former is the quickest."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

4. "The holy passion of Friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money."

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

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

5. "History shows us that the Moral Sense enables us to perceive morality and how to avoid it, and that the Immoral Sense enables us to perceive immorality and how to enjoy it."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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