

Mark Twain Cryptograms — Set 5

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: H = E

Easy · 70 letters

D S H Q Y D S Q J Q J K J D H N

F A X F U H W Y N H Y D ; L D L J

P H V V M V Q Y Y H O ,

H V Q E F W Q D H , Q Y O L J

P H V V R Q W W L H O F 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

2. Clue: P = O

Medium · 70 letters

I D J A X W E J Q F B V

M Q P I D J Q D P P O P T C B X W F

P A Q C P F I H Q J N W P A F

H P F F J F F W P X, Y D B I

I D J Q J W F P T W 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: C = E

Hard · 71 letters

I M C B C Y B C F C J C B Y H

A D D E S B D I C P I V D L F

Y A Y V L F I I C W S I Y I V D L F,

O N I I M C F N B C F I V F

P D R Y B E V P 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: A = L

Medium · 71 letters

W I Y R O A A E V W I Y G

M F O Y Z Q M V Z K M F O W Q K A H

A V D K E , F K R O A A E V I A A

M F O Y Z Q M V Z K M F O W Q K A H

K Y D O K E .

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: Z = T

Medium · 73 letters

T P Z R Y F M Z I P Z M M

Q X E Z G K R T X E . G Z G Y

I P Z Z P E Z M U X D P M T W

Y P K M F W - U X F W W G X H M F W Y

Z U X F F M F P X Z X T 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: F = T

Medium · 73 letters

F Y E K N N G G L Q V F J G

Y F J G M F M C L G E ,

N C I C N Q F R H K E F P G

E J Y D V ; Q V F J G O C D ,

N Y V N G C O H G V F Y T Q F

D Q O O L 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. "The ant has a system of government; it is well planned, elaborate, and is well carried on."

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

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

2. "The universal brotherhood of man is our most precious possession, what there is of it."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

3. "There are several good protections against temptations, but the surest is cowardice."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

4. "Man will do many things to get himself loved, he will do all things to get himself envied."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

5. "Let us not be too particular. It is better to have old second-hand diamonds than none at all."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

6. "To succeed in the other trades, capacity must be shown; in the law, concealment of it will do."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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