

Mark Twain Cryptograms — Set 8

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: M = E

Easy · 90 letters

A C M Q M F J W E

G C H Q H G A M Q, C E S J E M B M Q

U E E X H W X R F W M, L K A F A

G H W L M X M J A Q E O M X L O

Q F X F G K I M, C E S J E M B M Q

D E E Q H W X S F A I M J J.

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: W = I

Medium · 90 letters

W B W E F O E B X W N S H T Z ' E

Y T Z W B M T Z A

W H D S L B W Z S Z V S B C V T X X

T Z T Z W H T X A O H J

J S V T O E S W B W E A O H J B C

P W E A O X X D S L V S D B W C Z 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

3. Clue: Z = A

Medium · 92 letters

G N J G B E B M E Z U C J Z Q U V

D X Q D K H H F Z H K J Z U M

Z V P V Z G J U G N . G N J S X H M

E Z U V G Q B P J V D X Q

M X K S H J F Z H K J Z U M

Y X E R Q X E B V J V X U R Z 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

4. Clue: C = E

Hard · 92 letters

C X C Z Q M G R S O G H J K S R L

F K M G C M R E . M G C L C E Z C M

L U H Z E C U P G H J U Z

R M L C D P R L S U M B U Q N H M

L U Z Z U A . M G C Z C R L S U

G H J U Z R S G C K X 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

5. Clue: P = E

Medium · 93 letters

G X P Q P U Q P K P Y K F P C X Y

B U M E Y U F F T O M P U M E

X P Q Y O B G X O M I W J H G

Y M P ! N P P K T Q Y L

G P F F O M I G X P O Q

X U K K O M P W W P W G Y G X P

H M X U K K 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

6. Clue: K = S

Easy · 93 letters

P W S J X Y I B S X H S K Z A F B P

W J R H N S Z P S W J K

M N S Y S N S X H S K, W J K

Z U S N K J F X K, W J K

M F I J P J H K, W J K P Z K P S K,

W J K R F N Z I K, W J K

N S I J Q J F 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

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. "There is no character, howsoever good and fine, but it can be destroyed by ridicule, howsoever poor and witless."

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

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

2. "It is just like man's vanity and impertinence to call an animal dumb because it is dumb to his dull perceptions."

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

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

3. "The timid man yearns for full value and asks a tenth. The bold man strikes for double value and compromises on par."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

4. "Everything human is pathetic. The secret source of Humor itself is not joy but sorrow. There is no humor in heaven."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

5. "There are people who can do all fine and heroic things but one! keep from telling their happinesses to the unhappy."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

6. "The influences about him create his preferences, his aversions, his politics, his tastes, his morals, his religion."

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

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