

Mark Twain Cryptograms — Set 10

5 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: E = T

Medium · 109 letters

V E E U J D Z M A L C D X D H M

 U X R M A L C I C V D X R ,

 N A C J V X Q E A Q D E W D C , E A

 W L C E M A L E A E W D W D U C E ;

 E W D A X D E A Z P U X R D C

 M A L U X R E W D A E W D C E A

 Q D E E W D X D N Z E A M A L .

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: C = N

Medium · 110 letters

R N U N M T H C Z U D C P

H A F H L J A S S Y J Q S F C

F N U C N U D J U B H T D C D C P

H C S R N U W G U W J S C ' J

J R H C Q H W Q ; N U C U X U W

E D C Q S C U R N H R N U N H J

R S U B H T D C U Z L A S S Y D C P

M G .

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

Medium · 111 letters

R J Z C Z Y W X G K Q Z W P W K

Y J G , K G R L Z T K A W L M Z R G

V T K H W K F G R J Z C V W N M R

Y T R J J T X Q G W M ,

Q G P D M W T K Z H R J W R

R J Z C Z Y Z C Z R G G P W K F

D C Z J T X R G C T Q R G W H X T K

T 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 · 113 letters

K W G M Y K B V C R F S C G

M W Y C D V F M V F A T H Y A A

O G I S B G T . K W G M Y K B V C

R F S C G M W Y C D V F M V F A T

H Y A A F B O G I S B G T . K W G

M Y K C W G Q S B T V I

L G O K V B C W Y C Q G G L K Y

L Y O O V 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

5. Clue: C = I

Medium · 114 letters

C L C M D C M D V E J X

W X G C U R X E W X L P D C S D

C X H Z V W X S W M D C M E C X K

J X K D C M H W W Z C X Q M ,

H V U X C M D W M D C E D C M

C K W J Z M , J X K M W L M D C E

R X D C M U R J K J X K Y W W N M

D C E C X C L .

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 takes your enemy and your friend, working together, to hurt you to the heart; the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you."
— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*
Cipher key: A=O B=C C=R D=E E=T F=B G=X H=M I=F J=K K=Q L=U M=Y N=W O=Z P=L Q=G R=D S=J T=V U=A V=I W=H X=N Y=P Z=S
2. "The human being always looks down when he is examining another person's standard; he never find one that he has to examine by looking up."
— Mark Twain, 1906, *What Is Man? and Other Essays*
Cipher key: A=L B=X C=N D=I E=F F=W G=P H=A I=J J=S K=Q L=Y M=U N=H O=Z P=G Q=D R=T S=O T=M U=E V=C W=R X=V Y=K Z=B
3. "There was once a man who, not being able to find any other fault with his coal, complained that there were too many prehistoric toads in it."
— Mark Twain, 1894, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*
Cipher key: A=G B=K C=R D=P E=J F=Y G=O H=D I=V J=H K=N L=B M=L N=U O=X P=M Q=C R=T S=Z T=I U=Q V=F W=A X=S Y=W Z=E
4. "She was not quite what you would call refined. She was not quite what you would call unrefined. She was the kind of person that keeps a parrot."
— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*
Cipher key: A=L B=N C=T D=Y E=X F=U G=E H=C I=F J=M K=S L=P M=W N=G O=R P=Z Q=K R=Q S=I T=D U=B V=O W=H X=V Y=A Z=J
5. "It is his human environment which influences his mind and his feelings, furnishes him his ideals, and sets him on his road and keeps him in it."
— Mark Twain, 1906, *What Is Man? and Other Essays*
Cipher key: A=B B=Z C=I D=H E=M F=Q G=V H=F I=Y J=A K=D L=T M=S N=P O=J P=W Q=G R=O S=C T=X U=R V=U W=E X=N Y=K Z=L