

Cryptograms

A cryptogram is a message written in a code in which each letter is replaced by a different letter throughout the message; every S might be coded as a G, for instance. No letter stands for itself or for more than one other letter, so when you know the code for a letter, write the answer letter over the coded one wherever it appears in the message.

Example: S H A K E S P E A R E
B R C M P B Q P C W P

To break the code and read the message, look for common words and letter patterns: the words THE, AND, A, and I are frequently found; common word endings are E, S, and ING; a letter after an apostrophe could be S, T, or D. The code is different for each cryptogram below.

1. HCDAD UQICPUS RAQERIB IQ TOIPQU, UQICPUS HPFF GD

VQUD; HCDAD BMWWPOPDUI PUVMODEDUIB TAD

RADBDUIDV, DJDAKICPUS HPFF GD VQUD HCPOC PB

HPICPU ICD SATBR QW CMETU RQHDA. (IPEQICK VHPSCI)

2. DLRB N XVVM CKWM VB HT WLNULVVU N DVBURA LVD

N HKBKERU SV PFAJNJR KS KXX. NS DKP, VZ WVFAPR, K

HNPRACXR WLNULVVU: SLR LKOOT WLNULVVU NP

LKAUXT DVASL TVFA DLNXR. (ZAKBM HWWVFAS)

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1. Where nothing prompts to action, nothing will be done; where sufficient inducements are presented, everything will be done which is within the grasp of human power. (Timothy Dwight)
2. When I look back on my childhood I wonder how I managed to survive at all. It was, of course, a miserable childhood: the happy childhood is hardly worth your while. (Frank McCourt)