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Handpicked Cryptograms
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HOW TO SOLVE CRYPTOGRAMS

Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken. – Oscar Wilde

Welcome to our book on cryptograms, puzzles of encrypted text where each letter is cleverly substituted by another. Using a simple cipher, you'll learn to decrypt these by hand. The revealed quotes are often funny, inspiring, or meaningful, sometimes all three.

This sampler starts with a bunch of modified, easier puzzles. The latter puzzles follow the traditional structure of real cryptograms.

Here are some hints to make it easier for you to become a code breaker:

1. Note: Each letter is a substitute for another letter in the cryptogram. E.g. X'TT TXFY —> I'LL LIVE.
2. Look for one-letter words first. E.g. A, I.
3. Look to two-letter words next. E.g. to, us, me, in, he...
4. Look for common contractions. Words with an apostrophe often end with a T or an S. E.g. Don't, Bob's. If it is a two-letter contraction, be on the lookout for 'VE, 'RE, 'LL. E.g. You've, You're, I'll...
5. Look for common prefixes and suffixes on words longer than five letters: DE-, UN-, PRE- and -ABLE, -ING, -ED. E.g. Defence, Prepay, Movable, Dancing, Laughed.
6. Substitute E, T, A, O, I, N or S for the most frequent characters in the puzzle
7. Look for patterns.
 - double letters: LL, SS, PP, EE, OO, BB, etc. E.g. Poppy, Book, Bubble...
 - three letter words often have repeat letters. E.g. ALL, TOO, SEE...
 - commas (,) can link to a compound sentence that starts with... , SO, BUT, AND, ...
 - common and distinct letter patterns: CH, GHT, TH. E.g. Chin, Fight, There, ...
8. Use trial and error and always cross off letters that are already used.
9. If you're stuck try to move the puzzle away from you and look for sentence structure patterns.
10. Have fun.

I. STARTER PACK – MODIFIED PUZZLES

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1. _ T _ _ _ E _ T _ A _ A _ A _ _ Y I _ A
Q U _ T A T I _ _ _ _ _ E T I _ E _ A _
_ _ _ E . – W . I . E . G A T E S

2. A G O O _ _ _ M E _ O K E E P Y O _ R M O _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _ W _ E _ Y O _ ' R E _ _ _ E E P
W A _ E R . – U N K N O W N

**A smile is an
inexpensive way to
improve your
looks.**

– Unknown

3. AN APP_E A _AY _EEP_ _HE __C__R
A_AY. — UNKNOWN

4. H_ TH_T SOWS THO__S SHOU_D _OT
_O _____FOOT. — PROVERB

5. _E_____ EVER_ S_CCCESS__L M__ _S
_ S_RPR_SE_ WOM___. — M A R Y O N
PEARSON

6. _ETTER __ T_E ENEMY O_ _OOD.
— VOLTAIRE

7. A COURTYAR_ COMMON TO A__ W____
B_ SW__T BY NON_. — C H I N E S E
PROVERB

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

8. EX_USES _RE __E __ILS USED __
 _UILD _ __USE _F F_ILURE.
 - DON WILDER

9. _B_D ___KM__ _U___E__ _I_H HI_
 _____. - PROVERB

10. _A___ I_ _A___ _UT LI_U_R I_
 _UI_KER. - OGDEN NASH

11. F_R TH_S_ T_ WH__ _U_H _S G___N
 _U_H _S R_QU_R_D. - JOHN F.
 KENNEDY

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12. H E I S A F _ _ L T H A T P R A I S E S
H I _ S E L F A N D A _ A D _ A N T H A T
S P E A _ S I L L _ F H I _ S E L F . - P R O V E R B

13. _ E _ O R E E _ G A G _ _ G _ _ A _ A T T L E O _
_ _ T _ , _ A K E _ _ R E _ O _ R O _ _ O _ E _ T
_ _ A R _ E D . - P R O V E R B

14. _ F Y _ U D _ N ' T _ N _ _ _ H _ R _ Y _ U A R _
G _ _ N G , A N Y R _ A D _ _ L L G _ T Y _ U
T H _ R _ . - U N K N O W N

15. Y O U M I S S 1 0 0 % O F T H _ S H O T S Y O U
_ O _ ' T T _ K _ . - W A Y N E G R E T Z K Y

16. T R _ _ T E _ E R Y _ O D Y _ _ T _ _ T T _ E
_ _ R D _ . - F I N L E Y P E T E R D U N N E

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

17. _ _ _ N _ T _ C _ _ _ O N _ _ H O _ C _ N ' T
 C H _ N G _ _ H _ _ _ _ N D _ N D _ O N ' T
 C H _ N G _ T H _ _ U _ J _ C T . - W I N S T O N
 C H U R C H I L L

18. H _ _ W H O _ O N _ I D _ R _ _ O O M U _ H W I _ _
 P _ R F O R M _ I _ _ _ _ . - F R I E D R I C H
 S C H I L L E R

19. _ _ _ _ E W O R K O N E K N O W S _ _ E
 W O R K M _ N . - J E A N D E L A F O N T A I N E

20. _ R E _ _ _ W O M E _ M _ K E U S B U _ B E E R .
 U _ L _ W O M E _ M _ K E U S D R _ _ K B E E R .
 - " M A R R I E D . . . W I T H C H I L D R E N "

21. S _ E E _ _ O S E S _ _ C _ O F _ _ S V _ _ _ E
 W _ E _ _ _ _ O S E S _ _ S _ E _ P E R .
 — UNKNOWN

22. _ C _ N _ _ E _ O S E S N O T _ _ N _ O F _ T S
 _ _ _ _ T B _ _ _ _ _ T _ N _ _ N O T _ E _
 C _ N _ _ E . — KELLY

23. N O O N E R E A L L Y K N O W _ E N O U G H _ O
 B E A _ E _ _ I _ I _ _ . — N O R M A N
 C O U S I N S

**Old age and
 treachery will
 overcome youth
 and skill.**

— Proverb

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

24. __LA_ I_ JU_TI__ I_ I_JU_TI__.
 — WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR

25. HE _S ST_O_G _HO CO__UE_S
 OTHERS; HE _HO CO__UE_S H_MSELF
 _S M_GHTY. — LAO TZU

26. T_E EA_L_ BI_D _IG_T GET T_E
 WO__, B_T T_E SE_O_D _O_SE GETS
 T_E __EESE. — UNKNOWN

27. _E __A_ I_ BU_Y I_ _EM__E_ BY
 BU_ ONE _EVIL; _E __A_ I_ I_LE
 BY A LE_ION. — THOMAS FULLER

**Don't be afraid of
 death so much as
 an inadequate life.**

— Bertolt Brecht

28. _ _ M _ NDEED _ _ _ N _ F _ R _ _ N _ W
 H _ W _ _ RULE MY _ ELF . - P I E T R O
 A R E T I N O

29. B _ _ _ A T _ _ N T W _ T H _ _ _ _ _ _ N _ BUT
 A B _ _ _ A _ _ W _ T H _ _ U _ _ _ _ F .
 - S T . F R A N C O I S D E S A L E S

30. _ _ T _ _ T W _ I T S U P O _ F O R T U _ _ I S
 _ _ V _ R S U R _ O F _ _ I _ _ _ R . -
 B E N J A M I N F R A N K L I N

31. _ L _ _ C _ N N _ T L _ V _ . - M A R T I N
 L U T H E R K I N G J R .

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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

32. _ F _ _ _ E _ E _ ' _ F _ _ P _ _ K P _ _ K E _ S
 _ ' D H A _ E _ _ S E X L _ F E A _ A L L .

— RODNEY DANGERFIELD

33. I _ O N ' T _ A _ _ W H A T Y O U _ A L L M _ ,
 A S L O N _ A S Y O U _ O N ' T _ A L L M _
 L A T _ T O _ I N N _ _ . — U N K N O W N

34. G O _ _ A _ G I _ E _ Y O _ O _ E F A C E A _ _
 Y O _ M A K E Y O _ _ _ E _ _ E _ A _ O T _ E _ .

— WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

35. _ O _ A R _ _ _ _ W _ A K _ _ _ L _ N K .
 G O O _ _ _ _ ! — " T H E W E A K E S T L I N K "

36. I ' L L P L _ _ I T F I R S T _ _ D T E L L _ _ _
 _ H _ T I T I S L _ T E R . — M I L E S

DAVIS

37. _ _ O _ _ _ _ _ AK _ OAK _ _ AK _ _ OO _ _ .

— PROVERB

38. H _ _ S A _ _ _ L WH _ _ ANN _ _ _ _

ANG _ _ ; _ U _ H _ _ S A W _ S _ _ AN WH _

W _ LL N _ _ . — PLATO

39. _ _ AM _ ALS _ _ _ _ AN V _ _ S MA _ _ _ N

_ _ N _ . — WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

40. WHEN Y _ _ _ _ _ E _ _ A F _ _ K _ N _ HE

_ _ AD _ AKE _ _ . — YOGI BERRA

41. _ _ AME , _ _ AW , _ _ ONQUERE _ .

— JULIUS CAESAR

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

42. ANY _AN THAT T__E_ TO _OB _E O_
_Y __GN_TY __LL LO_E .

– NELSON MANDELA

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II. THE 'REAL DEAL' PUZZLES

Every man dies; not every man really lives.. – Braveheart, The Movie

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43. J IBX 'R WUMK ACUR FBZ WUY Y QK ,
US YBXO US FBZ IBX 'R WUY Y QK
YURK RB IJXXKM . – ZXGX BAX

HINT: IJXXKM = DINNER

44. H SCF WIQ CKJQM HK WIQ LCYXMQ
CKE ACYDQE OKWHM H SQW IHL
GYQQ . – LHAIQMCKJQMU

HINT: LCYXMQ = MARBLE

45. GK REW LBUX XE XDBTHQ SWGNZQR,
 FE BQEUH. GK REW LBUX XE XDBTHQ
 KBD, FE XEFHXYHD. -BKDGNBU
 CDETHDV

.....
 HINT: XEFHXYHD = TOGETHER

46. OPU UCYE WBCJWHF EHLAHWG UCYE
 BCXHF PND NCG UCYE LHPEF. -
 NHAFCN OPNDHAP

.....
 HINT WBCJWHF = CHOICES

47. NHLQV DR VHFX LQV! VHFX
 YHFBNQDB DR ZQDNDBJ, RH JEN HB
 VHFX ZQV. -LX. REFRR

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 HINT: YHFBNQDB = MOUNTAIN

48. Y T U E B I X S I B Q S A X I T B D S T S L T
 B I A B I S D H I U T E A J . - U T A S N X
 J N U B J S Q

 HINT: QSAXITB = WONDERS

49. O W W N M O N S A O V A K H N M A V A H T W N
 F P S M O N S A M O L A N M F T X M N . N M A
 Y K Z G K H A L A V I N M K Z X . S M O N S A
 N M K Z Q S A B A J F Y A . - B T G G M O

 HINT: ALAVINMKZX = EVERYTHING

50. K W O X W T G A X A K Q W T Y T J I K E T K
 I P Q R K U T A K Q W T Y T J R J P T E
 K W O R A P W C W T G . - K Z V T J R T P W Q R T P W

 HINT: KWORAPWC = ANYTHING

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

51. UXJBVG CHJV RQJ QJBA RQBR YJBLV
 B WLIYX. -YHCCHBS VQBPJVNJBLJ

HINT: YJBLV = WEARS

52. D MDK QI OQEEK RS LQEZ
 ZPHDBSFRYN FHDY D OZZT QI OQET.
 -CEQUZEA

HINT: ZPHDBSFRYN = EXHAUSTING

53. B'F TV XPTM MAPM RPTM EBDAM B
 MCKENI VXX MAN RBDAM TLBMOA BE
 FZ AVMNR KVV F PEI LPT BE SNI
 SNXVKN MAN KVV F LPT IPKJ. -
 FCAPFFPI PRB

HINT: MCKENI = TURNED

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III. CHEAT SHEET — FULL ANSWER KEY

 Don't explain your philosophy. Embody it. — Epictetus, 135 AD, Greece

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| <p>1. STRONGER THAN AN ARMY IS A QUOTATION WHOSE TIME HAS COME. —W. I. E. Gates</p> <p>2. A GOOD TIME TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT IS WHEN YOU'RE IN DEEP WATER. — Unknown</p> <p>3. AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY. —Unknown</p> <p>4. HE THAT SOWS THORNS SHOULD NOT GO BAREFOOT. —Proverb</p> <p>5. BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL MAN IS A SURPRISED WOMAN. —Maryon Pearson</p> <p>6. BETTER IS THE ENEMY OF GOOD. —Voltaire</p> <p>7. A COURTYARD COMMON TO ALL WILL BE SWEEPED BY NONE. —Chinese Proverb</p> <p>8. EXCUSES ARE THE NAILS USED TO BUILD A HOUSE OF FAILURE. —Don Wilder</p> <p>9. A BAD WORKMAN QUARRELS WITH HIS TOOLS. —Proverb</p> <p>10. CANDY IS DANDY BUT LIQUOR IS QUICKER. —Ogden Nash</p> <p>11. FOR THOSE TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN MUCH IS REQUIRED. —John F. Kennedy</p> <p>12. HE IS A FOOL THAT PRAISES HIMSELF AND A MADMAN THAT SPEAKS ILL OF HIMSELF. —Proverb</p> <p>13. BEFORE ENGAGING IN A BATTLE OF WITS, MAKE SURE YOUR OPPONENT IS ARMED. —Proverb</p> | <p>14. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, ANY ROAD WILL GET YOU THERE. —Unknown</p> <p>15. YOU MISS 100% OF THE SHOTS YOU DON'T TAKE. —Wayne Gretzky</p> <p>16. TRUST EVERYBODY BUT CUT THE CARDS. —Finley Peter Dunne</p> <p>17. A FANATIC IS ONE WHO CAN'T CHANGE HIS MIND AND WON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT. —Winston Churchill</p> <p>18. HE WHO CONSIDERS TOO MUCH WILL PERFORM LITTLE. —Friedrich Schiller</p> <p>19. BY THE WORK ONE KNOWS THE WORKMAN. —Jean De La Fontaine</p> <p>20. PRETTY WOMEN MAKE US BUY BEER. UGLY WOMEN MAKE US DRINK BEER. —"Married... With Children"</p> <p>21. STEEL LOSES MUCH OF ITS VALUE WHEN IT LOSES ITS TEMPER.—Unknown</p> <p>22. A CANDLE LOSES NOTHING OF ITS LIGHT BY LIGHTING ANOTHER CANDLE. — Kelly</p> <p>23. NO ONE REALLY KNOWS ENOUGH TO BE A PESSIMIST. —Norman Cousins</p> <p>24. DELAY IN JUSTICE IS INJUSTICE. —Walter Savage Landor</p> <p>25. HE IS STRONG WHO CONQUERS OTHERS; HE WHO CONQUERS HIMSELF IS MIGHTY. —Lao Tzu</p> |
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- 26. THE EARLY BIRD MIGHT GET THE WORM, BUT THE SECOND MOUSE GETS THE CHEESE. —Unknown
- 27. HE THAT IS BUSY IS TEMPTED BY BUT ONE DEVIL; HE THAT IS IDLE BY A LEGION. — Thomas Fuller

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- 28. I AM INDEED A KING FOR I KNOW HOW TO RULE MYSELF. —Pietro Aretino
- 29. BE PATIENT WITH EVERYONE BUT ABOVE ALL WITH YOURSELF.—St. Francois De Sales
- 30. HE THAT WAITS UPON FORTUNE IS NEVER SURE OF A DINNER. —Benjamin Franklin
- 31. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MUSIC. IN MY LINE YOU DON'T HAVE TO. —Elvis Presley
- 32. A LIE CANNOT LIVE. — Martin Luther King Jr.
- 33. I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU CALL ME, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T CALL ME LATE TO DINNER. —Unknown
- 34. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU ONE FACE AND YOU MAKE YOURSELVES ANOTHER. — William Shakespeare

- 35. YOU ARE THE WEAKEST LINK. GOODBYE! —"The Weakest Link"
- 36. I'LL PLAY IT FIRST AND TELL YOU WHAT IT IS LATER. —Miles Davis
- 37. STORMS MAKE OAKS TAKE ROOTS. —Proverb
- 38. HE IS A FOOL WHO CANNOT BE ANGRY; BUT HE IS A WISE MAN WHO WILL NOT. — Plato
- 39. I AM FALSER THAN VOWS MADE IN WINE. —William Shakespeare
- 40. WHEN YOU COME TO A FORK IN THE ROAD TAKE IT. — Yogi Berra
- 41. I CAME, I SAW, I CONQUERED. — Julius Caesar
- 42. ANY MAN THAT TRIES TO ROB ME OF MY DIGNITY WILL LOSE. —Nelson Mandela
- 43. I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU CALL ME, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T CALL ME LATE TO DINNER. —Unknown

Your chances of success in any undertaking can always be measured by your belief in yourself.

— Robert Collier

- 44. I SAW THE ANGEL IN THE MARBLE AND CARVED UNTIL I SET HIM FREE. — Michelangelo
- 45. IF YOU WANT TO TRAVEL QUICKLY, GO ALONE. IF YOU WANT TO TRAVEL FAR, GO TOGETHER. —African Proverb
- 46. MAY YOUR CHOICES REFLECT YOUR HOPES AND NOT YOUR FEARS. —Nelson Mandela

47. TODAY IS YOUR DAY! YOUR MOUNTAIN IS WAITING, SO GET ON YOUR WAY. —Dr. Seuss
48. PRAISE DOES WONDERS FOR OUR SENSE OF HEARING. —Arnold Glasgow
49. ALL THAT WE ARE IS THE RESULT OF WHAT WE HAVE THOUGHT. THE MIND IS EVERYTHING. WHAT WE THINK WE BECOME. —Buddha
50. ANYONE WHO HAS NEVER MADE A MISTAKE HAS NEVER TRIED ANYTHING NEW. —Albert Einstein
51. UNEASY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS A CROWN. —William Shakespeare
52. A DAY OF WORRY IS MORE EXHAUSTING THAN A WEEK OF WORK. —Proverb
53. I'M SO FAST THAT LAST NIGHT I TURNED OFF THE LIGHT SWITCH IN MY HOTEL ROOM AND WAS IN BED BEFORE THE ROOM WAS DARK. —Muhammad Ali

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