

Word Play Cafe
CRYPTOZOOLOGY #1

Cryptograms are simple substitution cyphers in which one letter stands for another (if X=Y, all Xs throughout the puzzle will stand for Y). Use your knowledge of letter patterns and frequencies, sentence structure, and a bit of trial and error to crack these encrypted messages!

1. CLUE: U = L

C ATF'Z UC IK HUP OCFJ HTIKL YCZX
PFCBPUN PZ ZXK GTT. ZXKLK'N ZTT BPFO
MXKKZPXN.

2. CLUE: N = Y

UYJOP BZVU XF XLNWIZVC BYVVN. VT
RKWWXL ITG DKU K ATOX ZP, WIXN KHGKNP
MYKJO YQ.

3. CLUE: D = C

RTN'I AJQOS AJLA ALSQOW TMM L
EOLQK'E EJXKK CTNKI ZLSX QA MLEAXH, GNA
QA LDANLKKR GXDTZXE ZTHX EKNWWQEJ.

4. CLUE: W = M

C SBQ GFBTYFDABE YPUEDWBUQT MPF
WV EPK'T MBSBF. OB TCDE WHTQCFE'T QOB
ABTQ QODUK MPF C OPQ EPK.

5. CLUE: X = D

FKOYQTVAP H OHOH ZKS OVPTQ FHE QK
TYL ZHWM HQ OVXAVPTQ: "VQ'F JHFQCLY
NYXQVOY."

6. CLUE: W = R

JBWPA WAVUHJAN BWA QAJJ-ZYEQY MEW
UIAHW GAUAFUHSA QEWZ. UIAX KBZA PWABU
HYSANUH-PBUEWN.

7. CLUE: T = N

UPY JPQW V EVM WMPX V IHJQP GNPR
EPTMHTSHTD MP XBVL? HM XNQQWWQW MUQ
XVYW ZSMMP T.

ANSWERS

(CLUE:U=L) I DON'T LIKE PLAYING POKER WITH ANIMALS AT THE ZOO. THERE'S TOO MANY CHEETAHS.

(CLUE:N=Y) DUCKS FIND EVERYTHING FUNNY. NO MATTER HOW BAD A JOKE IS, THEY ALWAYS QUACK UP.

(CLUE:T=O) YOU'D THINK THAT TAKING OFF A SNAIL'S SHELL WOULD MAKE IT FASTER, BUT IT ACTUALLY BECOMES MORE SLUGGISH.

(CLUE:W=M) A VET PRESCRIBED CONDIMENTS FOR MY DOG'S FEVER. HE SAID MUSTARD'S THE BEST THING FOR A HOT DOG.

(CLUE:X=D) SOMETHING A MAMA COW MIGHT SAY TO HER CALF AT MIDNIGHT: "IT'S PASTURE BEDTIME."

(CLUE:W=R) LARGE REPTILES ARE WELL-KNOWN FOR THEIR DETECTIVE WORK. THEY MAKE GREAT INVESTI-GATORS.

(CLUE:T=N) HOW DOES A CAT STOP A VIDEO FROM CONTINUING TO PLAY? IT PRESSES THE PAWS BUTTON.