

Christmas Cryptograms

68 Large Print Puzzles of Classic Christmas and Winter Quotations from Dickens, Alcott, Longfellow and More

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How to Play

Cryptograms

Each quotation is written in a simple code: every letter has been swapped for a different letter, and the same code letter always stands for the same real letter. Two hints are filled in for you. Use short words, repeated letters and the code tracker to crack the rest.

Example

If the code word is QEB, it might decode to THE: Q = T, E = H, B = E. Then write T above every Q in the puzzle, H above every E, and so on.

CRYPTOGRAM 1

A Christmas Carol

_   _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _
X   A X T T   V U K U S Z

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ A _   _ _   _ _
P V Z X Y C O N Y   X K   O Q

_ E A _ _ ,   A _ _   _ _ _   _ _
V L N Z C   N K W   C Z Q   C U

_ E E _   _ _   A _ _   _ _ E
B L L J   X C   N T T   C V L

_ E A _ .
Q L N Z

Hints: L = E, N = A

- Charles Dickens

Code tracker: write each solved letter under its code 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

CRYPTOGRAM 35

Little Women

H R ,
V D H G I R Q V O A E

H R H
D L S T A E R I I U Q S D Q G

R H
H E H G J H S V G V A O Q T D V

.
R
V I M I G J O A X

H R .
D H O A V

Hints: A = R, D = H

- Louisa May Alcott

Code tracker: write each solved letter under its code 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

CRYPTOGRAM 68

My Heart Leaps Up

_	_		H	_	A	_	_		_	_	A	_	_
T	G		F	X	Y	P	C		A	X	Y	W	J

_	_	
K	W	

_	H	_	_		_		_	_	H	_	_	_		A
B	F	X	L		D		N	X	F	H	A	I		Y

_	A	_	_	_	_	_		_	_		_	H	_
P	Y	D	L	N	H	B		D	L		C	F	X

_ _ _ .

J M G

Hints: F = H, Y = A

- William Wordsworth

Code tracker: write each solved letter under its code 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

ANSWER KEY

Cryptogram Solutions

1. I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

2. There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good-humour.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

3. I am as light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a schoolboy.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

4. No space of regret can make amends for one life's opportunity misused.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

5. I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

6. Keep Christmas in your own way, and let me keep it in mine.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

7. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

8. For they said, it was a shame to quarrel upon Christmas Day.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

9. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

10. The happiness he gives, is quite as great as if it cost a fortune.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

11. We choose this time, because it is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

12. There was a boy singing a Christmas Carol at my door last night.
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

13. Father is so much kinder than he used to be, that home's like Heaven!
- Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843)

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Cryptogram Solutions

27. What a man thinks of himself, that it is which determines, or rather indicates, his fate.
- Henry David Thoreau, Walden (1854)

28. Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents.
- Louisa May Alcott, Little Women (1868)

29. Jo was the first to wake in the gray dawn of Christmas morning.
- Louisa May Alcott, Little Women (1868)

30. Rich or poor, we will keep together and be happy in one another.
- Louisa May Alcott, Little Women (1868)

31. I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship.
- Louisa May Alcott, Little Women (1868)

32. We can't give up our girls for a dozen fortunes.
- Louisa May Alcott, Little Women (1868)

33. At nine they stopped work, and sang, as usual, before they went to bed.
- Louisa May Alcott, Little Women (1868)

34. We are not strangers, we are neighbors, and you needn't think you'd be a bother.
- Louisa May Alcott, Little Women (1868)

35. The solitary, hungry look in his eyes went straight to Jo's warm heart.
- Louisa May Alcott, Little Women (1868)

36. The only way to have a friend is to be one.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson, Essays, First Series (1841)

37. Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson, Essays, First Series (1841)

38. Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson, Essays, First Series (1841)

39. Nature is an endless combination and repetition of a very few laws.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson, Essays, First Series (1841)

40. Nature is a mutable cloud which is always and never the same.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson, Essays, First Series (1841)

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66. Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?

- *Robert Burns, Auld Lang Syne (1788)*

67. A thing of beauty is a joy for ever: its loveliness increases.

- *John Keats, Endymion (1818)*

68. My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky.

- *William Wordsworth, My Heart Leaps Up (1807)*