



How to Solve Cryptograms

Each letter in a cryptogram stands for another letter.

- Each puzzle has a different code, for its answer.

Look for a pattern. A one letter words are usually I or A

Look for Common Letters The most common letters in the English language are E, T, A, O, and N, with I and S a close second.

Replacing the letters and looking for patterns is a way to start.

Solve the Short Words Especially words that have only two or three letters.

The most common two letter words are: OF, TO, IN, IS, IT, AS, HE, BE, BY, ON, OR, and AT.

Common three letters words are: AND, THE, FOR, HIS, NOT, BUT, YOU, ARE, HER, CAN, HOW and HAD.

Spot the Repeated Letters Only a few letters are actually ever repeated twice in a word e.g., RR, LL, NN, MM.

Common Patterns

A common pattern is the letters TH – appearing in both THE and THAT, as well as THIS, THOSE, THEM, etc. Look for: TH, HE, AN, IN, ER, RE, ES, ON, EA, and TI.

Once the **vowels** are identified the quote will often become clear.

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
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_ E
_ _ _ _
P E A G
M R J
W J M M J Z N

Solution: FIND THE LETTERS

