

SEVENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS



(FIRST YEAR DIDN'T COUNT)

So here's how it works. Each of the numbered messages below has been encoded from some original text by replacing one letter consistently by another throughout the message. Thus, for example, GLOOMY TIME could turn into CHEERS WORK, with G becoming C, L becoming H, etc. Different messages have different encodings. Your job is to discover the original messages. Sometimes a word in the encoded message gives a hint about the true message. Long messages are often easier to decode than short ones, because there are likely to be common words in them, such as "the," "and," etc. The messages are not necessarily listed in order of increasing difficulty. The first few messages have a Christmas theme; they get more secular later. Good luck, and have fun.

Answers are available from wright@uoregon.edu.

1 . " A R N U R L Z E P R R N S E P , V L L I C K O O E L
Y R Z W S L Y P R N H R Z ' G N O O V S N U K L T G
D K Z V ! " E P R C L S O I K Z G L O R Y Z G E K O O Z R G G
O N F E L P R N S E P R N Z V R O G G K Z V . - R I Y T Z I
P N Y K O E L Z G R N S G , T Z K E N S K N Z A N G E L S

2 . B A B B L E , O M P A B R O O B Y O R I E F M R B X . H E ,
H E , B A B B E , B A B B L E . B A B B L E , O M P A B R O O B Y
O R I E F M R B X . H E , H E , B A B B E , B A B B L E
M Y U P X O M Y W R I T , R I M R D U L T R I T , F M L U T Y X
M Y M L O M O M R D X L E M R D G Y I P S G R T M O , R I
M R D P N I D R T M O , L B B F M R B X U Y I E P A I T O P
D B L E . - P B X Y H A O T P P X Y

3 . A B I T G R O S S B R A Y B P U N S B I A M A C H
A C U C P R O A B G N I B F I X , U C P R O A B G N I B
F I X ; A B I T G R O S S B R A Y B P U N S B I A M A C H
A C U C P R O A B G N I B F I X A C G R S N U O C A C H . -
N I O X G A N S F A G G X

4 . X U I N U S E B T I O R M P U D D I N G B L I B P U D
A N E Y T E E N B E T E E N , P W B X U I N U
S U O D L P E N G ' K L O R T N U S X L E Y M E W L I Q U G U U S
P U A E N U . - N U Q U I R O S D G B I S H I

5 . L I F T P E T S P I N K F T , A W O R F A R F A R F
A R F . W U T H X I O U B Z U Y P I M T T , A W O R F
A R F A R F A R F . I R O J Z U T M P Y Z J P M H T
X O Z U Y , A W O R F A R F A R F A R F . P I N W S
X T J I O T P E T B Z U Y , A W O R F A R F A R F
A R F , O R F A R F A R F A R F , O R F A R F A R F A R F .
- A T O L R M M Z D T K O I I N

6 . B A E I A M U D G E N T Z W A S S E I L D R E D W A S
P I U X G U U I D U G U U I , W Y D B A E I A
M A N S R W U I L ' K R N T G I A M B R U X Z U Y R E C A L A A M
W A P U I A . - I A C A E T N M S L D E M O E

7. WOK GLWGBK LYK BSFHUC. WOK ISSY
ELER FLMKT EAW BHWGBK BSYX NKTAT US
GYRHUC OK PLMKT. - PLUCKY BABBLER

8. OPN EUBUCK ELCKALKN UM EURN L ITH -
FLOP: UO UM OPN IWNLOUTC TS OPN ITHM
OPNXMNEBNM, HPT, PLBUCK IWNLONG UO,
STEETH UO TW GNFLWO SWTX UO LIITWGUCK
OT OPNUW HPUXM TW OPNUW CNNGM. SWTX
GLUED AMN, OPN FLOP ACGNWKTNM IPLCKN.
L ITH UM ACGNW CT TZEUKLOUTC OT MOLD.
- N.Z. HPUON

9. SC NOO CRENOTION UN CSLOEN NOO RN
AN U WCNS NUTRSUEZ PADS. LUEKTZ TONN
AWMCESUBS AN SLO GUMUGASZ SC NOO
CSLOEN UN SLOZ NOO SLOWNOTION.
- UTKCRN LRHTOZ

10. VAIUOPD UV BUCO Q VPOG. UX DAL
HAS'P COOK UP VPUMMOH LK DAL TOP Q BAP
AX VILE AS PRO PAK. - OHGQMH QNNOD,
SQPLMQBUVP QSH QLPRAM

11. APHUMOP API LIGHW, R PGTI EIGHDIV
APGA APIHI RW DU PGHN RD XPGHORDO
UDIWIES MY CRAP VIEMWRUDW FIACIID
NUNIDAW US TGERV RDWYRHGARUD. - WAITI
NGHARD

12. IYQYSO OYEOE RHO OBY HSLOYV EOTOYE
LS XUHI OYYSOB RDTQY [LS EOHVYSO
EQLYSQY TSV ATOB EPLDDE] LS TS
LSOYISTOLUSTD QUARTILEUS. WHO TO DYTEO
MY TIY EOLDD LS OBY OUR OYS! - OUA
IYYEUI

13. HOUR OF ECHTIR'F KCL YP VRRWOES
RZRILHBOES PIYU BCWWREOES CH YEAR. -
IRFHIIYYU SICPPOHY

14. SK S HOEO CHA-KNPOZ, HARMZ S DO
HONESTY CLSB ATO? - NDENLNF MSTPAMT