

CONIFERS OF THE WORLD CELEBRATION

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," "that," etc. The messages are not necessarily listed in order of increasing difficulty. Good luck, and have fun.

Solutions are available from wright@uoregon.edu.

1. GLFC N UPOMPFS PLNU WAAZ , N CONIFER
PLATHLP PLOP NP GATES WF O MFEOPNIFER FOUR
KOPPFM PA WMNCH PAHFPLFM OCS VMFUFCP PLF
NCXAMKOPNAC N GNULFS PA BACIFR. N HTFUUFS
PLNU KNHLP POZF VFMLOVU OU EACH OU PGA AM
PLMFF RFOMU. KAMF PLOC O SADFC RFOMU EOPFM,
NP GATES OVVFOM PLOP KR PNKF FJVFBPOPNUCU
GFMF MOPLFM AVPNKNUPNB. - YOKFU F.
FBZFCGOESFM, VMFXOBF PA BACNXFMU AX PLF
GAMES

2. YOU THE FIFTH GOFN DFXDVOTBBS AW ANTHP
AND CWBBWGOHL XDWXBD CWM SWIM TUTROHL
FIXXWMA THE TFFOFATHVD: MWH THE HTHVS
EDHLBDM, AOU EOVPOHFWH, EDK UDARLDM, YTHDA
UWVPBDM, ATPTFNO FTGT, THE FXDHVDM KTMMDAA.

3. YSYHKPOHRYHY TREE WONK ACES HA IKFRIK
(CAH HWOH HWRY TREE XK KOYS) TWKHWKM OCS
DAMP XK YBDDRFKCHES FACYHOCH OCI IRYHRCFH
DMAP AHWKM DAMPY, HA XK FOLOXEK AD
IKDRCRHRAC; OCI RD IKDRCOXEK, TWKHWKM HWK
IRDDKMKCFKY XK YBDDRFKCHES RPLAMHOCH HA
IKYKMNK O YLKFRDRF COPK. HWRY EOHHKM LARCH
TREE XKFAPK O DOM PAMK KYKCHROE
FACYRIKMOHRAC HWOC RH RY OH LMKYKCH. -
FWOMEKY IOMTRC, AMRZRC AD HWK YLKFRKY

4. WI MUD CLDM IWSE, LYON PLE XWY GWFD W
MTDD - CTLRWRON RDXWKID SM'I IL UWTE ML
ZSPKTD LKM ULA ML PDM MUD RWTF LY. - ALLEN
WOODY

5. "TREE WRAPO BY IGEX SNOR" GOS "GEE'Y
TREE HIGH ROSY TREE" WRQGDR HTN NX YPYGO'Y
XGUNMBHR GLINMBYDY NURM HIR KRGMY.

6. I TUUMERS KUDRERVYDKO ER VSY SUNHUNMED
UT MEVVMY CEDAR. - WEC'R TIPULEVY RIOEDH NO
LIMBS GIMAU YCYLRUD

7. DE MWEHCDES SCREY-KEMLLEMEW ARC
AHRTV EHS SOTT D GMEO LCHP D LMC
SMTT D IMSAU DS UMP URCTOV
AHEMLOCK HL SUO FHCTV
IB SUDS ICMTTMDDES XDPOK OAYOEFDTVOC.
- M. V. VHWWOCOT

8. B ELBOW ELSE B ALSUU ODKDN ADD
S MBUUMISNT UIKDUR SA S ENDD.
BOTDDT, POUDAA ELD MBUUMISNTA XSUU,
B'UU ODKDN ADD S ENDD SE SUU. - IYTDO OSAL

9. YGYUC RUYNPHUY AL WYPPYU NSAGY PINE
TYNT, ONE NET OBBL Y NET QAEY PUYYL, NET IY
MIB HETYULPNETL AP NUAFIP MASS UNPIYU
QUYLYUGY APL SAXY PINE TYLPUBC AP. - IYEUC
TNGAT PIBUYNH