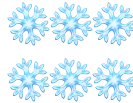


NINETEENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS



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. 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. These pages themselves, as well as puzzles from previous years, can be found at <http://pages.uoregon.edu/wright/cryptos>.

1. A H E P S B A I N A H E L L H O P B Y H A , L C L S

A H I M O P B Y H A

U O P S X P S ' U E P B Y H E L F W S F B E L L S

W A H Y L A Y I M M L E A E R A Y Y I K L D P H Y H Y L P E

H E L W A R E L A .

Y L W E H Y L A S I D T E R S T Y , A L L H Y L X P F A U R S T Y

H Y P A P A A W S H W ' A U P B F W G

W S F W U I C L W O O H Y P A U R A H O L G I R Y L W E

— A P O C L E U L O O A

2. L Z J O P J P Z J O G R E L Y B O U T K J W R K W E J U M P

S L A P C R A P J L W P J P Z S L U G K R - S P R I T Z C , Z T Z P

S R G T P K G R Z B T Z C , P T C O J W R T G K R - W T S N T Z C ,

P J B . — J U R W I L S T Z P J T W P

3. CHI LDSH LR E YOUNG UR AHID,
LDSH LR E RHD UR WUKTD;
EDG SOT WHKTIDBTDS ROENN AT LXHD OUR
ROHLNGTI.
EDG OUR DEBT ROENN AT YENNTG
PHDGTICLN, YHLDRTNNTI, SOT BUWOSM WHG,
SOT TKTINERSUDW CESOTI,
SOT XIUDYT HC XTEYT. - UREUEO

4. G WYGAPT PTH ELL OF TB MGPITP UP YURT
MSEDDUCK ACMTSXGHTS XIUYT PXUBBUCK
OSTGPHPHSERT-ZAPH G VAUWR MUD OTLEST
DEDDUCK OGWR HE HIT PTCHTCWT'P PASLGWT. G
DGSTCHITHUWGY WYGAPT UP BEST YURT MUJUCK
MEXC HE HIT DEEY OEHHEB HE DUWR AD G
WEUC. GCM G LEEHCEHT UP G LAYY-OYEXC
PWAOG MUJT - FEA IGJT PHSGDDTM EC
TVAUDBTCH GCM YTLH HIT PASLGWT OTIUCM GCM
FEA IGM OTHHTS, GLHTS KEUCK HE GYY HIGH
HSEAoyt, PTT PEBTHIUCK UCHTSTPHUCK MEXC
HITST. - OTC MEYCUWR

5. MYIDI OT S BEAM UX ORCUDSCBI OC MYI
ECOMIL TMSMIT, SCL MYIDI SAPSWT YST JIIC.
MYI TMDSOC UX SCMO-OCMIAAIBMESAOTK YST
JIIC S BUCTMSCM MYDISL POCLOCR OMT PSW
MYDUERY UED VUAOMOBSA SCL BEAMEDSA AOXI,
CEDMEDIL JW MYI XSATI CUMOUC MYSM
LIKUBDSBW KISCT MYSM "KW ORCUDSCBI OT
HETM ST RUUL ST WUED ZCUPAILRI." - OTSSB
STOKUF

6. OWTTUVE SCY NCZ RCNGISCY TRUTIR KAU
OUIDR EAR KUVIZ'O TVUGIRHO PNC GR XWOE NO
SHTUVENCE NO OUIDSCY EAR TVUGIRHO
MUWVORIL. - KRS-AKN AWNCY

7. RUT PELSOD IDT EW NEVER FTUSPXTH
HUEAXY WSOY AH YNTILSOD OER EW RUTSN NEXT
SO RUSH BENXY VAR EW RUTSN NSHC IOY
GERTORSIX SO I WARRANT OER MTR LIYT. -
KAHR NEXX BSRU SR

8. HCRFR COVID PFINGENRW FRIGGS BRE ND
ECR HIS NW HCRD WANRDAR BREW AIOBCE OX ND
XLGNENAW. - VIFY WRFFRUR

9. O SLOFURCY WUARYPIA FOG KI EU OYN
AEYYRYH OYN OXAIONG WRMPIIY CA IRHLP IIY
BIIP RYPC PLI AOSI KIBCAI LI RW
SCYWSRCEWXG ODOAI PLOP PLI WPOAPRYH HEY
LOW BRAIN. — CXRTIA WOSZW

10. OH JUDO ADD CRAACH MEDIA ADD SMUG
APRUNY. JUDOCHZNH RY ADD YKHFRMCRTHZ WDL
SDYA DW IY AD MFVIRLH SIFP DW RA. —
LDEHLA YMSIHCYDU

11. CG'N PEG BIG LICK GLIG AXEAMX IKX
IMMXKRCB GE, HONG LICK BEIGXY CP BIG
NACG. — NBCXPBX PXS N

12. JAB CDEZFYTSG BOSS DJT DAASC AM Z
DGEZFD WTEXTED DJT WSZOF HTZFOFY AM
BAEVC! — CZHITS ZVZHC

13. KA HAZY HNNJ NYAWKO LYBA SYMBOLYK SYH
MAW ZLII CLYH USBONUSBLDG. — DOSTING
GWUYNT GILDOBNT