

# *Tips For Solving Cryptogram Puzzles*

A cryptogram puzzle is like a secret code you crack to uncover the hidden message. They can any message, the fun is in figuring out the solution.

Looking at a cryptogram the first time, they seem like a chaotic mess of letters someone just tossed out and they landed in clusters.

There are some patterns that will help you to decode the message and some tips to help you do the puzzles.

1. Each puzzle has a code guide to help you keep track of the letters you've uncovered. Each letter you solve for will be the same throughout the puzzle. If you find Z is A..then under A enter Z and solve for all the Z's in the puzzle.
2. Every word has a vowel. A single letter word has to be a vowel and only two vowels are words of their own.
3. Having said that, keep in mind, if the puzzle is using older English, a single letter word might be O as well which would make 3 possible single letter words.
4. If you see contractions, words combined and using an apostrophe to replace letters like "don't, can't". Keep in mind there is a limited number of letters that would appear on the single side of the apostrophe.
5. Some letters are used more frequently than others in our alphabet. Try to solve for some of those first, especially on short words. (yes, I could tell you what those frequent letters are, but, these are brain teasers :)

6. As you identify common words and enter the letters into the guide and above the letters in the cryptogram, you'll start to see patterns to help you fill in the missing letters.

7. Look for repeat letter patterns, especially double letters or repeat words.

Have fun. If a puzzle frustrates you, leave it for a bit and come back later. Sometimes, just taking your mind off the puzzle gives you a fresh perspective when you return.

See how many you can do without looking at the solutions.

# Five Thanksgiving Facts

## Puzzle #1

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

Y X H

B C K N Y

Y X S M G N A C V C M A

R S N Y H Z

B D K

Y X K H H

Z S L N

Y X H

I S W J S M D S A

Y K C O H

N X S K H Z

B D D Z

I C Y X

Y X H

J C R A K C W N

S M Z

Y X H L

B H S N Y H Z

D M

B D D Z N

R C G H

R D O N Y H K

N H S R

T D K M

J Q Z Z C M A

N I S M

S M Z

Z H H K



### Puzzle #3

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
P Z D

\_\_\_\_\_  
L E J O P

\_\_\_\_\_  
T A I Y O

\_\_\_\_\_  
P Z A X K O Q E F E X Q

\_\_\_\_\_  
N A Y

\_\_\_\_\_  
S A J A N D

\_\_\_\_\_  
W A O

\_\_\_\_\_  
Z D R N

\_\_\_\_\_  
W E P Z U M P

\_\_\_\_\_  
P Z D

\_\_\_\_\_  
Z M Q D

\_\_\_\_\_  
C A R R U U X O

\_\_\_\_\_  
E P O

\_\_\_\_\_  
K X U W X

\_\_\_\_\_  
L U J

# Puzzle #4

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

N X R P A T R H Z

X I I P R V R C Z

F I V R T

Z Y R

J R C R S X W Z A I H

I D

Z Y W H Q P M A V A H M

D X I F

Z Y R

Z Y A X T

Z Y G X P T W E

A H

H I V R F S R X

Z I

Z Y R

D I G X Z Y

Z Y G X P T W E

Z Y G P

W T T A H M

P R V R H

F I X R

T W E P

Z I

Z Y R

Z X W T A Z A I H W C

J Y X A P Z F W P

P Y I N N A H M

P R W P I H

## Puzzle #5

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

LC      KFVVZWT      QIGZ      FVLX      OZFY

IT      LMZ      WZTEDL      XH      I

QXDXTTID      TMFRGZVL      XH

LMIVSTYFCFVY      LEWSZJT

GFTLISZVDJ      XWKZWZK      OJ      I

TPIVTXV      ZGRDXJZZ      HITMFXVZK

IHLZW      RWZR IWZK      IFWDFVZ      HXXK

LMZ      GZIDT      PZWZ      TXDK

RWZR IWZK      HWXUZV      IVK      TXDK

LX      ETZ      ER      LMZ      ZBQZTT

# Five Cute Thanksgiving Quotes

## Puzzle #6

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

Q      L U F      S O M G U R      N V O L X      T H Q T

U A C H T R      W U M I U L T      V N      B U L

I Z Q A B      T H U R      H U Z W      I V V P

T H Q L P S C A G A L C      X A L L U M      F H A I H

B Q P U S      S U L S U      F H U L      R V O      H U Q M

T H U B      I V L S A X U M      S Q R A L C      T H Q T

S B U Z Z S      C V V X      T V      K U      H U Z W A L C

J A B B R      N Q Z Z V L



## Puzzle #8

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

HMAV

VRMIWAYCUCIY

C

ARDV

ZP

DTI

VKOWEP

CV

TMA

SKI

VRMV

ARDVYKI

YDCIY

LHMZ

EUEOPLDBP

MV

VRE

AKFEOZMOWEV

NKAV

AVMOCIY

TRP

VOMXW

VREZ

TREI

C

WIDT

TREOE

VREP

MOE

WEIIP

ODYEOADI

## Puzzle #9

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

J
R S C S D T F M S N
M P F E V K W J A J E W

M P S
U C N O F K P J U E S N
Q F X
J

J E A J M S N
S A S T X U E S
J E
H X

E S J W P D U B T P U U N
M U
H X
P U B K S

Q S
P F N
F E
S E U T H U B K
O S F K M

F E N
M P S E
J
V J C C S N
M P S H

F E N
M U U V
M P S J T
C F E N
Y U E

K M S Q F T M

## Puzzle #10

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	

Y      A Y D W      M Y P      A Z Z G U X O      I Z T      Y

K R T G B W      H R K      J Z R A D X K      I U X D

Z X B      H U O      B X Z R O E      P E B      Y P G B D

K E B      P K Z J G      H Z W      D Z      K E B P B

K R T G B W P      O B K      Y X W      H U O O B T      K E B

P K Z J G      H Z W      T B C A U B D      X Z

K E B W T B      D B Y D

# *The Puzzle Solutions*

## **Thanksgiving Facts**

1. The first Thanksgiving lasted for three days. The Wampanoag tribe shared food with the Pilgrims and they feasted on foods like lobster, seal, corn pudding, swan and deer.

2. President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving to be a national holiday. But, President Jefferson refused to recognize it as a national holiday because of the religious prayer and reflection. He believed in firmly separating church and state.

3. The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was held without the huge balloons it's known for.

4. President Roosevelt moved the celebration of Thanksgiving from the third Thursday in November to the fourth Thursday thus adding seven more days to the traditional Christmas shopping season.

5. TV dinners came into being as the result of a colossal shipment of Thanksgiving turkeys mistakenly ordered by a Swanson employee. Fashioned after prepared airline food, the meals were sold prepared, frozen and sold to use up the excess meat. They proved popular.

## **Thanksgiving Quotes**

6. A new survey found that eighty percent of men claim they help cook Thanksgiving dinner. Which makes sense, when you hear them consider saying "that smells good" to be helping — Jimmy Fallon

7. Thanksgiving is an emotional time. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they see only once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often. — Johnny Carson

8. Last Thanksgiving, I shot my own turkey. It was fun. That shotgun going blam! Everybody at the supermarket just staring. Why track them when I know where they are? — Kenny Rogerson

9. I celebrated Thanksgiving the old-fashioned way. I invited everyone in my neighbourhood to my house, we had an enormous feast, and then I killed them and took their land. — Jon Stewart

10. A lady was looking for a turkey but couldn't find one big enough. She asked the stock boy "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No they're dead".