

Christmas Cryptogram #3

Each of these Cryptograms is a message in substitution code. THE SILLY DOG might become UJD WQPPZ BVN if U is substituted for T, J for H, D for E, etc. One way to break the code is to look for repeated letters. E, T, A, O, N, R and I are the most often used letters. A single letter is usually A or I; OF, IS and IT are common 2-letter words; try THE or AND for a 3-letter group. The code is different for each Cryptogram.

1. Zyds ydbbpvh ivlpw syp kmhstpsnp,
hsdjh ivlpw syp kmhstpsnp.
2. Hoisztr xrq hqi wsmqi hqvwiqqh ryi y
jqhe mrvwe wsmq, ywi vd eso qjqh myp
vx, eso psozi qjqw mye vx fzspm.
3. Qmj sqa qkk arnv Bwvhgpsqgtg lt
zwhpt.

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Answer Key

1. Zyds ydbbpvh ivlpw syp kmhstpsnp,
hsdjh ivlpw syp kmhstpsnp.

What happens under the mistletoe, stays under
the mistletoe.

2. Hoisztr xrq hqi wsmqi hqvwiqqh ryi y
jqhe mrvwe wsmq, ywi vd eso qjqh myp
vx, eso psozi qjqw mye vx fzspm.

Rudolph the red nosed reindeer had a very shiny
nose, and if you ever saw it, you would even say
it glows.

3. Qmj sqa qkk arnv Bwvhgpsqgtg lt
zwhpt.

And may all your Christmases be white.