



Porta Cipher Solving

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A ciphertext letter from the first half of the alphabet can only represent a plaintext letter from the second half of the alphabet and vice versa. Thus ciphertext letters A through M cannot stand for any plaintext letters from “a” to “m” and ciphertext letters N through Z cannot stand for any plaintext letters “n” through “z”. Editor’s note: In the MJ Cipher Exchange Porta “Like there’s no tomorrow” the crib letters “dessert” can only be represented by the ciphertext letters “TTBMSHB” appearing near the end of the cipher construction.

The Joy of Pencil and Paper Solving.

The *Cm* cipher title and accompanying crib provide extensive openings to employ the computer research tools at our disposal to unveil vast stores of input and knowledge of the world around us while working on the solving process with pencil and paper to uncover additional cipher plaintext. A path to three construction decipherments follow:

JF. 2023. E-18 Bifid. Classic 1973 jingle. (-asaf- irstnam eit-)

WORD WIZARD

This construction title and crib say it all. Simply Google its title and a simple crib extension for all of the plaintext.

MA. 2023. X-4. Italian. Democratic necessity. (della)

SCHMOO

Construction title and crib lead to Italian democracy quotation of Bertrand Russell, British philosopher and pacifist, and ample plaintext of Italian verbiage for democracy, eloquence, immunity and importance.

MJ. 2023. AC-1348. Quagmire IV. Painted scene. (a nouveau art lantern)

BION

Elizabeth Taylor, English novelist, quotation supplies entire plaintext for this construction from the given crib of “a nouveau art lantern.” Quotation begins, “Out of the swollen gilded Turner-esque sky”

Universal Phoebe Circular Cipher Slide, for Beaufort, Gronsfeld, Porta, Portax, Vigenere cipher solving. (Free)

The Tyro Tutorial

This is available at our ACA web site under Resources. It describes the solution process to some thirty different cipher types, a comprehensive listing of Null Variables by BION and the use of Google as a solving tool.

ZANAC’s Gimme a Break – JA Aristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs)

A-1,that, A-2, that, A-3, I am (3), A-4, L. L. (2), A-5, ss (2), A-6, of (2), A-7, that, A-8, you (2), A-9, the (2), A-10, the (2), A-11, times (2), A-12, the (3), A-13, the (2), A-14, the (2), A-15, that, A-16, and, A-17, the (2) A-18, the (2), A-19, the (4), A-20, Mary (2), A-21, ary (2), A-22, BVS=the, A-23, ry-3, A-24, Thylacoleo, A-25, dog (3).

ZANAC’s Gimme a Break - JA Patristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs)

P-1, pizza, P-2, the (3), P-3, that (2), P-4, the (2), P-5, ing (2), P-6, that, P-7, the (3), P-8, the (4), P-9, you (24), P-10, JDHYI=upset, P-11,ough (2), P-12, the (2), P-Sp-1, JKIRES=squirm, P-Sp-2, JSKBX=equal.

MJ-1. Cm Bifid. European holiday destination. (villages clinging like) PELKABO
 PARROT: Plaintext start: "This stretch of"

MJ-2. Nihilist Transposition. Drink up! (NBUN) PARROT: Break into 49 and 16 digit squares. XAMAN EK

MJ-3. Nihilist Transposition. Unwanted passenger. PARROT: Break into 36, 36 and 9 digit squares. XAMAN EK

MJ. A-24. The magic act. K3. Fourth plaintext word synonym for magic tricks. SHMOO

MJ. P-12. Different views. K3. (QCHX) Negative and positive thought processes. DANEEL

MJ. X-1. German. Bucket list? K2. (eine) Begins "Zwischen" SCORPIUS

MJ. X-7. From French "Rights of Man." K2. (English Key) Second plaintext word, "principio" SHMOO

MJ. X-9. Morbit. Beware. (XAYKY) Begins, "La plus" SCORPIUS

MJ. E-7. Myszkowski. Clever chairs. (chairs spelling) Period Seven. SHMOO

MJ. E-12. Phillips. The customers. PARROT extended crib: "sstochasticsanamaxan" BION

MJ. E-20. Bazeries. Snack trick. (AINBYLY) Digit key begins, 22 THE RAT

MJ. E-21. Tridigital. Classical scholar's pun. (gilgamesh) MSCREP: Begins, "Why" separator. 9. BION

MJ. E-22. Bifid. No longer protected. PARROT crib extension. "fox was removed from the endangered" ICECAP

MJ. E-23. Grandpre. Long history of cultivation. SHMOO

MSCREP crib extension: "crossbred heavily starting in the nineteenth"

MJ. E-25. Numbered Key. Start of a new day. SCORPIUS
 PARROT crib extension: "was remarked that the clock began to strike and"

MJ. C-12. Duodecimal Square Root. (Two words, B-0) S = 8, L = 4, E = 1 ARIES

MJ. C-14. Multiplication. (Three words, 0-9) O = 1, Y = 5, T = 8 WORD WIZARD

MJ. C-Sp--1. Addition. (One word, 0-9) T = 2, H = 5, C = 9 SHMOO

MJ, AC-1348. Quagmire IV. Painted scene. BION
 MSCREP Period Eight crib extension: "a nouveau art lantern and surrounded by a flock)

JA. A-24. Extinct marsupials. K4. Begins, "Thylacoleo" BION

JA. A-25. Short story. K3. Begins, "Old man" WORD WIZARD

JA. P-Sp-2. Life, prosper. K2. (YKOUF) JSKBX = equal REGIR

JA. X-3. Esperanto. Star Wars quote. K. Plaintext begins, "Vader:" Quotation refers to "circle." SHMOO

JA. X-7. What completes a man. K2. (English key) MJ X-7 language type. V = a SHMOO

JA. X-8. French Patristocrat. Right or wrong. K2. Extended crib: pour l'avoire etc at position 27. THE RAT

JA. E-2. Null. Irrefutable logic. (part) Key length = 9. Some words have additional key numbers. H2O

JA. E-3. Gronsfeld. Long walks. (day) Period Seven. Begins with common three letter trigraph. BION

JA. E-5. Fractionated Morse. ACA essence, per Chat GPT. (WLSJNIALUG) Crib begins after "A" start BION

JA. E-6. Morbit. A getaway. (MNUHXCHA) Begins with common three letter trigraph. TSIOLKOVSKY

JA. E-10. Railfence. Humorous fortune. (only waits) Five rails. Begins with creators of fortune cookie. SHMOO

JA. E-14. Monome- Dinome. What pets can teach us. Side letters – 4, 5. Plaintext begins "A boy" ICE CAP

JA. E-21. Vigenere. The games we play. (PYLVM) Period 7, begins with common 3 letter trigraph. CTHULHU

JA. E-23. Nicodemus. Sweet tooth. (LUNCIHM) MSCREP: Period Ten. Begins, "The orig-) DANEEL

JA. E-26. Tridigital. Famous geology. (thousand feet) Separator – 7. Four common three letter trigraphs. SHMOO

JA. C-1. Cube Root. (Two words, 0-1) E = 0, L = 7, M = 3, SCRUFFY DOG

JA. C-6. Division.. (One word, 0-9) A = 0, N = 4, H = 7 WORD WIZARD

JA. C-11. Duodecimal Division. (Two words, 0-B) C = 0, T = 4, P = 7. L'P'L GAMIN

JA. C-14. Addition. (No word, 0-9) R = 0, H = 4, T = 7, SCORPIUS

JA. AC-1354. Quagmire IV. Philosophy of dynamite. Period Fourteen. BION
 Plaintext start – "Nitroglycerine" Extended crib – "nitroglycerine with care and mix it with diatomaceous"

Sunny Cipheryng, LIONEL