

# Examples of Solving *Cm* Cons\*



Solving E-9, E-10 from Sample *Cm*  
Swagman Cipher

\* "*Cm* Cons" means "cipher constructions in *The Cryptogram*" -- the bi-monthly publication for members of the American Cryptogram Association (ACA) -- [www.cryptogram.org](http://www.cryptogram.org)

# Examples of Solving

This series shows specific examples of solving ACA ciphers. It tries to give successive hints of what to look at, then follows through by using each hint, building to the solution.

Try to solve the cipher on your own, using as many hints as you need, or just read along.

Please report errors or send suggestions to [nudge@cryptogram.org](mailto:nudge@cryptogram.org)

# References

- The ACA and You, Ch. 4, How to Solve a Problem in *The Cryptogram*.

# What is a Swagman Cipher?

- Swagman is a transposition cipher, based on a numeric key square. (ACA Guidelines: The key square size is 4 to 8, and the plaintext length should be 3-6 times key square.)
- The numeric key square is filled with numbers from 1 to square-size, and no number is repeated in a row or in a column.

4	3	2	1
2	1	4	3
3	2	1	4
1	4	3	2

# Swagman Encipherment

- The message is written horizontally into a rectangle the same height as the key square, adding nulls if necessary to fill out the last row.
- The enciphered message is taken out vertically by columns in the order of the corresponding key column. An example follows.

# Swagman Encipherment Example

Pt: "Ciphertext length is a multiple of the square height." (Length=44)

Key:

4	3	2	1
2	1	4	3
3	2	1	4
1	4	3	2

The ciphertext is an even multiple of the square height. Write it horizontally into 4 rows of 11 columns.



# Swagman Encipherment Example

Fill the line 1 below with the letters in the positions indicated by a 1.

4	3	2	1
2	1	4	3
3	2	1	4
1	4	3	2

C	I	P	H
E	N	G	T
T	I	P	L
Q	U	A	R

E	R	T	E
H	I	S	A
E	O	F	T
E	H	E	I

X	T	L
M	U	L
H	E	S
G	H	T

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Q	N	P	H

E	I	F	E

G	U	S



# Swagman Encipherment Example

Fill the line 2 below with the letters in the positions indicated by a 2.

4	3	2	1
2	1	4	3
3	2	1	4
1	4	3	2

C	I	P	H
E	N	G	T
T	I	P	L
Q	U	A	R

E	R	T	E
H	I	S	A
E	O	F	T
E	H	E	I

X	T	L
M	U	L
H	E	S
G	H	T

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Q	N	P	H
E	I	P	R

E	I	F	E
H	O	T	I

G	U	S
M	E	L

# Swagman Encipherment Example

Continue to fill lines 3 & 4 below with the letters in the positions indicated by a 3 & 4.

4	3	2	1
2	1	4	3
3	2	1	4
1	4	3	2

C	I	P	H
E	N	G	T
T	I	P	L
Q	U	A	R

E	R	T	E
H	I	S	A
E	O	F	T
E	H	E	I

X	T	L
M	U	L
H	E	S
G	H	T

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Q	N	P	H
E	I	P	R
T	I	A	T
C	U	G	L

E	I	F	E
H	O	T	I
E	R	E	A
E	H	S	T

G	U	S
M	E	L
H	T	T
X	H	L

# Swagman Encipherment Example

Create the ciphertext by taking letters off by columns from the bottom squares.

Ciphertext = QETCN IIUPP AGHRT LEHEE  
 IORHF TESEI ATGMH XUETH SLTL

4	3	2	1	C	I	P	H	E	R	T	E	X	T	L
2	1	4	3	E	N	G	T	H	I	S	A	M	U	L
3	2	1	4	T	I	P	L	E	O	F	T	H	E	S
1	4	3	2	Q	U	A	R	E	H	E	I	G	H	T

Q	N	P	H	E	I	F	E	G	U	S
E	I	P	R	H	O	T	I	M	E	L
T	I	A	T	E	R	E	A	H	T	T
C	U	G	L	E	H	S	T	X	H	L

# Swagman Crib Location Note

If we were solving this cipher, we would write the ciphertext back into squares like below.

Recall that no number in a keysquare is repeated in a row or in a column. Therefore, in a square, a line of text will not repeat a row.

Now how to locate a crib of “this”? That means “this” appears in the plaintext.

Q	N	P	H
E	I	P	R
T	I	A	T
C	U	G	L

E	I	F	E
H	O	T	I
E	R	E	A
E	H	S	T

G	U	S
M	E	L
H	T	T
X	H	L

# Swagman Crib Location Note

Now how to locate a crib of “this”?  
There are 6 occurrences of “T”.

Q	N	P	H
E	I	P	R
<b>T</b>	I	A	<b>T</b>
C	U	G	L

E	I	F	E
H	O	<b>T</b>	I
E	R	E	A
E	H	S	<b>T</b>

G	U	S
M	E	L
H	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>
X	H	L

# Swagman Crib Location Note

Now how to locate a crib of “this”?

There are 6 occurrences of “T”.

There are 2 occurrences of “H” following a “T”.

Q	N	P	H
E	I	P	R
T	I	A	<b>T</b>
C	U	G	L

E	I	F	E
<b>H</b>	O	T	I
E	R	E	A
E	H	S	<b>T</b>

G	U	S
M	E	L
<b>H</b>	T	T
X	H	L

# Swagman Crib Location Note

Now how to locate a crib of “this”?

There are 6 occurrences of “T”.

There are 2 occurrences of “H” following a “T”.

There is 1 occurrence of “I” following a “TH”.

This must be the crib location.

Q	N	P	H
E	I	P	R
T	I	A	<b>T</b>
C	U	G	L

E	<b>I</b>	F	E
<b>H</b>	O	T	I
E	R	E	A
E	H	<b>S</b>	T

G	U	S
M	E	L
H	T	T
X	H	L

# Swagman: Getting Started

- Consider the length of the cipher. The length is a multiple of the square height. Guess the size.
- Create squares to hold the ciphertext, then copy it in by columns.
- If the crib cannot be found, maybe the square size is incorrect.



# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

E-9. Swagman. [44] (swagman) BECASSE

UBARR ANGIM EWAED AAKNE IDVIR SNILN OGGAI PSEAK XEWB.

What does the first line tell us?

Cipher ID: E-9.

Type: Swagman.

Title: No title.

Length: 44 letters.

Crib: swagman. (word appears in the plaintext)

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# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

E-9. Swagman. [44] (swagman) BECASSE

UBARR ANGIM EWAED AAKNE IDVIR SNILN OGGAI PSEAK XEWB.

Length of cipher is 44. Factors are 4x11. So square size = 4.

The square on the left is to keep track of where letters are found.

The squares below are for collecting plaintext.


U	R	I	A
B	A	M	E
A	N	E	D
R	G	W	A

A	I	R	L
K	D	S	N
N	V	N	O
E	I	I	G

G	S	X
A	E	E
I	A	W
P	K	B

1  
2  
3  
4




# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

Can the crib (swagman) be located? Hint: "W" occurs 2 times.


U	R	I	A
B	A	M	E
A	N	E	D
R	G	W	A

A	I	R	L
K	D	S	N
N	V	N	O
E	I	I	G

G	S	X
A	E	E
I	A	W
P	K	B

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4




# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

The crib (swagman) can be located starting with the last block, then wrapping to the next line. Mark the crib letters using “1” for the first line, and “2” for the next line. A marked letter means it has been used already. Copy the marked letters below.

	1		2
		2	
2		1	
	2		

U	R	I	A <sub>2</sub>
B	A	M <sub>2</sub>	E
A <sub>2</sub>	N	E	D
R	G <sub>2</sub>	W	A

A	I	R	L
K	D	S	N
N <sub>2</sub>	V	N	O
E	I	I	G

G	S <sub>1</sub>	X
A	E	E
I	A	W <sub>1</sub>
P	K	B

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

A	G	M	A

N			

	S	W

# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

Mark the rest of the letters identified by the current keysquare and copy them below.

What might come in line 1 prior to the crib?

	1		2
		2	
2		1	
	2		

U	R <sub>1</sub>	I	A <sub>2</sub>
B	A	M <sub>2</sub>	E
A <sub>2</sub>	N	E <sub>1</sub>	D
R	G <sub>2</sub>	W	A

A	I <sub>1</sub>	R	L <sub>2</sub>
K	D	S <sub>2</sub>	N
N <sub>2</sub>	V	N <sub>1</sub>	O
E	I <sub>2</sub>	I	G

G	S <sub>1</sub>	X
A	E	E <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>2</sub>	A	W <sub>1</sub>
P	K <sub>2</sub>	B

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

	R	E	
A	G	M	A

	I	N	
N	I	S	L

	S	W
I	K	E

# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

The two remaining "1" locations are simple to choose.

	1		2
		2	
2		1	
	2		

U	R <sub>1</sub>	I	A <sub>2</sub>
B	A	M <sub>2</sub>	E
A <sub>2</sub>	N	E <sub>1</sub>	D
R	G <sub>2</sub>	W	A

A	I <sub>1</sub>	R	L <sub>2</sub>
K	D	S <sub>2</sub>	N
N <sub>2</sub>	V	N <sub>1</sub>	O
E	I <sub>2</sub>	I	G

G	S <sub>1</sub>	X
A	E	E <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>2</sub>	A	W <sub>1</sub>
P	K <sub>2</sub>	B

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

	R	E	
A	G	M	A

	I	N	
N	I	S	L

	S	W
I	K	E

# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

The two remaining "1" locations are simple to choose.  
 Row 2 (or 4) in column 1, and then row 4 (or 2) in column 4.

	1		2
		2	
2		1	
	2		

U	R <sub>1</sub>	I	A <sub>2</sub>
B	A	M <sub>2</sub>	E
A <sub>2</sub>	N	E <sub>1</sub>	D
R	G <sub>2</sub>	W	A

A	I <sub>1</sub>	R	L <sub>2</sub>
K	D	S <sub>2</sub>	N
N <sub>2</sub>	V	N <sub>1</sub>	O
E	I <sub>2</sub>	I	G

G	S <sub>1</sub>	X
A	E	E <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>2</sub>	A	W <sub>1</sub>
P	K <sub>2</sub>	B

1  
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3  
4

	R	E	
A	G	M	A

	I	N	
N	I	S	L

	S	W
I	K	E

# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

The two remaining "1" locations are simple to choose.  
 Row 2 (or 4) in column 1, and then row 4 (or 2) in column 4.  
 The "1" line is either "RREE EINN PSW" or "BREA KING ASW".  
 Take the latter.

	1		2
1		2	
2		1	
	2		1

U	R <sub>1</sub>	I	A <sub>2</sub>
B <sub>1</sub>	A	M <sub>2</sub>	E
A <sub>2</sub>	N	E <sub>1</sub>	D
R	G <sub>2</sub>	W	A <sub>1</sub>

A	I <sub>1</sub>	R	L <sub>2</sub>
K <sub>1</sub>	D	S <sub>2</sub>	N
N <sub>2</sub>	V	N <sub>1</sub>	O
E	I <sub>2</sub>	I	G <sub>1</sub>

G	S <sub>1</sub>	X
A <sub>1</sub>	E	E <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>2</sub>	A	W <sub>1</sub>
P	K <sub>2</sub>	B

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B	R	E	A
A	G	M	A

K	I	N	G
N	I	S	L

A	S	W
I	K	E



# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

Start line 3 arbitrarily with the “U” in the first column. (We can figure out which line comes first, etc., later.)

3	1		2
1		2	
2		1	
	2		1

U <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	I	A <sub>2</sub>
B <sub>1</sub>	A	M <sub>2</sub>	E
A <sub>2</sub>	N	E <sub>1</sub>	D
R	G <sub>2</sub>	W	A <sub>1</sub>

A <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	R	L <sub>2</sub>
K <sub>1</sub>	D	S <sub>2</sub>	N
N <sub>2</sub>	V	N <sub>1</sub>	O
E	I <sub>2</sub>	I	G <sub>1</sub>

G <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	X
A <sub>1</sub>	E	E <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>2</sub>	A	W <sub>1</sub>
P	K <sub>2</sub>	B

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B	R	E	A
A	G	M	A
U			

K	I	N	G
N	I	S	L
A			

A	S	W
I	K	E
G		

# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

The “W” in column 3 must also be part of line 3.  
 Now the choice for columns 2 & 4 becomes simple.

3	1		2
1		2	
2		1	
	2	3	1

U <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	I	A <sub>2</sub>
B <sub>1</sub>	A	M <sub>2</sub>	E
A <sub>2</sub>	N	E <sub>1</sub>	D
R	G <sub>2</sub>	W <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>

A <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	R	L <sub>2</sub>
K <sub>1</sub>	D	S <sub>2</sub>	N
N <sub>2</sub>	V	N <sub>1</sub>	O
E	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>

G <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	X
A <sub>1</sub>	E	E <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>2</sub>	A	W <sub>1</sub>
P	K <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>

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B	R	E	A
A	G	M	A
U		W	

K	I	N	G
N	I	S	L
A		I	

A	S	W
I	K	E
G		B

# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

The “W” in column 3 must also be part of line 3.

Now the choice for columns 2 & 4 becomes simple.

Line 3 is either “UAWD ADIN GEB” or “UNWE AVIN GAB”

3	1		2
1		2	
2		1	
	2	3	1

U <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	I	A <sub>2</sub>
B <sub>1</sub>	A	M <sub>2</sub>	E
A <sub>2</sub>	N	E <sub>1</sub>	D
R	G <sub>2</sub>	W <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>

A <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	R	L <sub>2</sub>
K <sub>1</sub>	D	S <sub>2</sub>	N
N <sub>2</sub>	V	N <sub>1</sub>	O
E	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>

G <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	X
A <sub>1</sub>	E	E <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>2</sub>	A	W <sub>1</sub>
P	K <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>

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B	R	E	A
A	G	M	A
U		W	

K	I	N	G
N	I	S	L
A		I	

A	S	W
I	K	E
G		B

# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

The “W” in column 3 must also be part of line 3.

Now the choice for columns 2 & 4 becomes simple.

Line 3 is either “UAWD ADIN GEB” or “UNWE AVIN GAB”

We take the second choice. This leaves no choices for line 4.

3	1		2
1		2	3
2	3	1	
	2	3	1

U <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	I	A <sub>2</sub>
B <sub>1</sub>	A	M <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>
A <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	D
R	G <sub>2</sub>	W <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>

A <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	R	L <sub>2</sub>
K <sub>1</sub>	D	S <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>3</sub>
N <sub>2</sub>	V <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	O
E	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>

G <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	X
A <sub>1</sub>	E	E <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	W <sub>1</sub>
P	K <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>

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3  
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B	R	E	A
A	G	M	A
U	N	W	E

K	I	N	G
N	I	S	L
A	V	I	N

A	S	W
I	K	E
G	A	B

# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

Line 4 has been filled in. What order do the lines go in?

3	1	4	2
1	4	2	3
2	3	1	4
4	2	3	1

U <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>
B <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>
A <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>
R <sub>4</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	W <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>

A <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>
K <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>3</sub>
N <sub>2</sub>	V <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>4</sub>
E <sub>4</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>

G <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>4</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	W <sub>1</sub>
P <sub>4</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>

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- 3
- 4

B	R	E	A
A	G	M	A
U	N	W	E
R	A	I	D

K	I	N	G
N	I	S	L
A	V	I	N
E	D	R	O

A	S	W
I	K	E
G	A	B
P	E	X

# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

Lucky day! The lines are already in the correct order.

Record the solution so you could later submit it for credit.

**E-9 breaking a swagman is like unweaving a braided rope (x)**

3	1	4	2
1	4	2	3
2	3	1	4
4	2	3	1

U <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>
B <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>
A <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>
R <sub>4</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	W <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>

A <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>
K <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>3</sub>
N <sub>2</sub>	V <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>4</sub>
E <sub>4</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>

G <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>4</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	W <sub>1</sub>
P <sub>4</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>

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B	R	E	A
A	G	M	A
U	N	W	E
R	A	I	D

K	I	N	G
N	I	S	L
A	V	I	N
E	D	R	O

A	S	W
I	K	E
G	A	B
P	E	X

# Solving E-9 from Sample Cm

Solving a Swagman is a process of identifying the different threads of text that are woven together.

Now let's try E-10.

# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

E-10. Swagman. [64] (resistance) BECASSE  
OOCNC FFOFU EF RTE EAAAO FRRGM EENIA OATRS RMAKR TEABS SSWEA ITENI  
SNTRC AYEX.

What does the first line tell us?

Cipher ID: E-10.

Type: Swagman.

Title: No title.

Length: 64 letters.

Crib: resistance. (word appears in the plaintext)

Created by ACA member BECASSE



# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

E-10. Swagman. [64] (resistance) BECASSE

OOCNC FFOFU EF RTE EAAAO FRRGM EENIA OATRS RMAKR TEABS SSWEA ITENI  
SNTRC AYEX.

Length of cipher is 64. Too short for 8x8, so try square size = 4.

Fill in the ciphertext by columns.


O	C	F	R
O	F	U	T
C	F	E	E
N	O	F	E

A	F	M	I
A	R	E	A
A	R	E	O
O	G	N	A

T	M	T	S
R	A	E	S
S	K	A	S
R	R	B	W

E	E	N	A
A	N	T	Y
I	I	R	E
T	S	C	X





# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

The crib is “resistance” – can a location for it be found? Start by trying to find locations for “res”


O	C	F	R
O	F	U	T
C	F	E	E
N	O	F	E

A	F	M	I
A	R	E	A
A	R	E	O
O	G	N	A

T	M	T	S
R	A	E	S
S	K	A	S
R	R	B	W

E	E	N	A
A	N	T	Y
I	I	R	E
T	S	C	X





# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

The crib is “resistance” – can a location for it be found? “Res” can only start in column 2 of the third square. Mark “resista” as part of line 1 (we can adjust line order afterwards).

			1
		1	
1			
	1		

O	C	F	R
O	F	U	T
C	F	E	E
N	O	F	E

A	F	M	I
A	R	E	A
A	R	E	O
O	G	N	A

T	M	T	S <sub>1</sub>
R	A	E <sub>1</sub>	S
S	K	A	S
R	R <sub>1</sub>	B	W

E	E	N	A <sub>1</sub>
A	N	T <sub>1</sub>	Y
I <sub>1</sub>	I	R	E
T	S <sub>1</sub>	C	X



	R	E	S

I	S	T	A

# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

Mark the rest of the letters for line 1 and copy them below.

			1
		1	
1			
	1		

O	C	F	R <sub>1</sub>
O	F	U <sub>1</sub>	T
C <sub>1</sub>	F	E	E
N	O <sub>1</sub>	F	E

A	F	M	I <sub>1</sub>
A	R	E <sub>1</sub>	A
A <sub>1</sub>	R	E	O
O	G <sub>1</sub>	N	A

T	M	T	S <sub>1</sub>
R	A	E <sub>1</sub>	S
S <sub>1</sub>	K	A	S
R	R <sub>1</sub>	B	W

E	E	N	A <sub>1</sub>
A	N	T <sub>1</sub>	Y
I <sub>1</sub>	I	R	E
T	S <sub>1</sub>	C	X

C	O	U	R

A	G	E	I

S	R	E	S

I	S	T	A

# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

Mark “nce” in line 2 to complete the crib of “resistance” and copy them below.

	2		1
		1	2
1		2	
2	1		

O	C <sub>2</sub>	F	R <sub>1</sub>
O	F	U <sub>1</sub>	T
C <sub>1</sub>	F	E <sub>2</sub>	E
N <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	F	E

A	F	M	I <sub>1</sub>
A	R	E <sub>1</sub>	A
A <sub>1</sub>	R	E	O
O	G <sub>1</sub>	N	A

T	M	T	S <sub>1</sub>
R	A	E <sub>1</sub>	S
S <sub>1</sub>	K	A	S
R	R <sub>1</sub>	B	W

E	E	N	A <sub>1</sub>
A	N	T <sub>1</sub>	Y
I <sub>1</sub>	I	R	E
T	S <sub>1</sub>	C	X

C	O	U	R
N	C	E	

A	G	E	I

S	R	E	S

I	S	T	A

# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

Mark the rest of the letters for line 2 and copy them below.

	2		1
		1	2
1		2	
2	1		

O	C <sub>2</sub>	F	R <sub>1</sub>
O	F	U <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>
C <sub>1</sub>	F	E <sub>2</sub>	E
N <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	F	E

A	F <sub>2</sub>	M	I <sub>1</sub>
A	R	E <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	R	E <sub>2</sub>	O
O <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>	N	A

T	M <sub>2</sub>	T	S <sub>1</sub>
R	A	E <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>
S <sub>1</sub>	K	A <sub>2</sub>	S
R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	B	W

E	E <sub>2</sub>	N	A <sub>1</sub>
A	N	T <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>1</sub>	I	R <sub>2</sub>	E
T <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	C	X

C	O	U	R
N	C	E	T

A	G	E	I
O	F	E	A

S	R	E	S
R	M	A	S

I	S	T	A
T	E	R	Y

# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

Start line 3 arbitrarily with the "O" in the first row.

3	2		1
		1	2
1		2	
2	1		

O3	C2	F	R1
O	F	U1	T2
C1	F	E2	E
N2	O1	F	E

A	F2	M	I1
A	R	E1	A2
A1	R	E2	O
O2	G1	N	A

T	M2	T	S1
R	A	E1	S2
S1	K	A2	S
R2	R1	B	W

E	E2	N	A1
A	N	T1	Y2
I1	I	R2	E
T2	S1	C	X

C	O	U	R
N	C	E	T
O			

A	G	E	I
O	F	E	A

S	R	E	S
R	M	A	S

I	S	T	A
T	E	R	Y

# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

Take the “F” from row 2 in column 2 (line 4 would otherwise be left with two letters in the same row of that square).

3	2		1
	3	1	2
1		2	
2	1		

O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	F	R <sub>1</sub>
O	F <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>
C <sub>1</sub>	F	E <sub>2</sub>	E
N <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	F	E

A	F <sub>2</sub>	M	I <sub>1</sub>
A	R	E <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	R	E <sub>2</sub>	O
O <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>	N	A

T	M <sub>2</sub>	T	S <sub>1</sub>
R	A	E <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>
S <sub>1</sub>	K	A <sub>2</sub>	S
R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	B	W

E	E <sub>2</sub>	N	A <sub>1</sub>
A	N	T <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>1</sub>	I	R <sub>2</sub>	E
T <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	C	X

C	O	U	R
N	C	E	T
O	F		

A	G	E	I
O	F	E	A

S	R	E	S
R	M	A	S

I	S	T	A
T	E	R	Y



# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

Next, take the “F” from row 4 in column 3 (line 3 already has a letter from row 1). That leaves row 3 of column 4 to complete line 3.

3	2		1
	3	1	2
1		2	3
2	1	3	

O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	F	R <sub>1</sub>
O	F <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>
C <sub>1</sub>	F	E <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>
N <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	E

A	F <sub>2</sub>	M	I <sub>1</sub>
A	R	E <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	R	E <sub>2</sub>	O
O <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>	N	A

T	M <sub>2</sub>	T	S <sub>1</sub>
R	A	E <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>
S <sub>1</sub>	K	A <sub>2</sub>	S
R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	B	W

E	E <sub>2</sub>	N	A <sub>1</sub>
A	N	T <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>1</sub>	I	R <sub>2</sub>	E
T <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	C	X

C	O	U	R
N	C	E	T
O	F	F	E

A	G	E	I
O	F	E	A

S	R	E	S
R	M	A	S

I	S	T	A
T	E	R	Y

# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

Mark the rest of the letters for line 3 and copy them below.

3	2		1
	3	1	2
1		2	3
2	1	3	

O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	F	R <sub>1</sub>
O	F <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>
C <sub>1</sub>	F	E <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>
N <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	E

A <sub>3</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	M	I <sub>1</sub>
A	R <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	R	E <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>
O <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>3</sub>	A

T <sub>3</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	T	S <sub>1</sub>
R	A <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>
S <sub>1</sub>	K	A <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>
R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	W

E <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>	N	A <sub>1</sub>
A	N <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>1</sub>	I	R <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>
T <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	X

C	O	U	R
N	C	E	T
O	F	F	E

A	G	E	I
O	F	E	A
A	R	N	O

S	R	E	S
R	M	A	S
T	A	B	S

I	S	T	A
T	E	R	Y
E	N	C	E

# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

That leaves no other choice for letters of line 4. Flag them and copy them below. Now what about line order?

3	2	4	1
4	3	1	2
1	4	2	3
2	1	3	4

O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>
O <sub>4</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>
C <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>
N <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>4</sub>

A <sub>3</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>4</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>
A <sub>4</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>
O <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>

T <sub>3</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>
R <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>
S <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>
R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>

E <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>
A <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>
I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>
T <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	X <sub>4</sub>

C	O	U	R
N	C	E	T
O	F	F	E
O	F	F	E

A	G	E	I
O	F	E	A
A	R	N	O
A	R	M	A

S	R	E	S
R	M	A	S
T	A	B	S
R	K	T	W

I	S	T	A
T	E	R	Y
E	N	C	E
A	I	N	X

# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

Still a lucky day – the lines seem to be in the correct order.  
Record the solution so you could later submit it for credit.

**E-10 courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, and not**

3	2	4	1
4	3	1	2
1	4	2	3
2	1	3	4

O3	C2	F4	R1
O4	F3	U1	T2
C1	F4	E2	E3
N2	O1	F3	E4

A3	F2	M4	I1
A4	R3	E1	A2
A1	R4	E2	O3
O2	G1	N3	A4

T3	M2	T4	S1
R4	A3	E1	S2
S1	K4	A2	S3
R2	R1	B3	W4

E3	E2	N4	A1
A4	N3	T1	Y2
I1	I4	R2	E3
T2	S1	C3	X4

C	O	U	R
N	C	E	T
O	F	F	E
O	F	F	E

A	G	E	I
O	F	E	A
A	R	N	O
A	R	M	A

S	R	E	S
R	M	A	S
T	A	B	S
R	K	T	W

I	S	T	A
T	E	R	Y
E	N	C	E
A	I	N	X

# Solving E-10 from Sample Cm

- Identifying a thread of reasonable text reduces the number of choices for finding the next thread.
- Watch to make sure no row in a square is used more than once in a thread.

Good Solving!



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