

Columnar transposition cipher: ^{key: 5} key: GLOBE

Plain text: PLAINTEXT IS TO BE USED FOR ENCRYPTION

l=5

P	L	A	I	N
T	E	X	T	I
S	T	O	B	E
U	S	E	D	F
O	R	E	N	C
R	Y	P	T	I
U	N			

Ciphertext:
P T S U O R O L E T S R Y N
A X O E E P I T B D N T N I E F C I

Write the plaintext in rows of size l each except the last row (as the number of characters in the plain text may not be divisible by l , the pass key) Then write the columns in one row (apply transpose & put in juxta position)

Decryption: Divide the total length of the ciphertext by l (the pass key) $m = q \times l + r$

There are r columns of size $q+1$ & $(l-r)$ columns of size q .
 Finally concatenate rows to get the plain text.

In our example: $32 = 6 \times 5 + 2$

2 columns of size 7 & the remaining ones of size 6.

Columnar transposition with a password.

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PASSWORD: GLOBE ^{alphabetic order of the letters of GLOBE}

G	L	O	B	E	B	E	G	L	O
P	L	A	I	N	I	N	P	L	A
T	E	X	T	I	T	I	T	E	X
S	T	O	B	E	B	E	S	T	O
U	S	E	D	F	D	F	U	S	E
O	R	E	N	C	N	C	O	R	E
					T	I	R	Y	P

R Y P T I

O N

O N

Ciphertext: I T B D N T N I E F C I P T S U O R O L E T S R Y N
A X O E E P

Step 1: Arrange the plaintext below the password as rows of size equal to that of the password

Step 2: Shuffle the columns using the alphabetic order of the letters of the password.

Step 3: Get ciphertext by putting the transpose of the columns in just position.

Decryption:

G L O B E

$$32 = 6 \times 5 + 2$$

G L are larger columns.

B	E	G	L	O
I	N	P	L	A
T	I	T	E	X
B	E	S	T	O
D	F	U	S	E
N	C	O	R	E
T	I	R	Y	P
		O	N	

G	L	O	B	E
P	L	A		
T	E	X	I	N
S	T	O	B	E
U	S	E	D	F
O	R	E	N	C
R	Y	P	T	I
O	N			

PLAIN TEXT IS _____

Write the principle of decrypting the above.

"Columnar transposition with a password."

A D F G X - cipher.

Here ciphertext consists of only five characters, namely A D F G X if the plaintext has only letters of the English alphabet. If numbers are to be included in it then use A D F G V X as the characters of the ciphertext.

Password: A L I C E

plaintext: CANCEL CEASE FIRE

	A	D	F	G	X
A	R	Q	P	O	N
D	S	E	D	C	M
F	T	F	A	B	L
G	U	G	H	J/I	K
X	V	W	X	Y	Z

~~Ciphertext~~

⇒ D G F F A X D G D D F X D G D D F F D A G G A A D D

A L I C E →

D G F F A

X D G D D

F X D G D

D F F D A

D D F D G

G A A D D

A C E I L

D F A F G

X D D G D

F G D D X

D D A F F

D D G F D

G D D A A

Ciphertext:

D X F D D G F D G D D D A D D A G D F G D
F F A G D X F D A.

Decrypt.