

1. By testing each possible value to shift by until a plaintext message is found, the result was
 "IFWEALLUNITEWEWILLCAUSEHERIVERSTOSTAINTHEGREATWATERSWITHTHEIRBLOOD". This was said by Tecumseh

2. (a) 100% overhead turns the \$50 into \$100 each, so 10,000 parallel ASIC's can be used. This can check $5 \cdot 10^{12}$ possible keys each second. 128 bit keys have 2^{128} possible keys, so the average keys we need to check to find the right one is 2^{127} or roughly $1.7 \cdot 10^{38}$. Therefore an average search takes $1.7 \cdot 10^{38} / 5 \cdot 10^{12} = 3.4 \cdot 10^{25}$ seconds = $1.08 \cdot 10^{18}$ years, significantly longer than the universe has existed.
 (b) $3.4 \cdot 10^{25}$ seconds = $3.94 \cdot 10^{20}$ days.
 $1 \text{ day} = 3.94 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ days} / 2^{(\text{months}/18)}$
 $2^{(\text{months}/18)} \text{ days} = 3.94 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ days}$
 $\text{months}/18 = \log_2(3.94 \cdot 10^{20})$
 $\text{Months} = 18 \cdot 68.4 = 1231 \text{ months} = 102.6 \text{ years}$

3. (a) $128^8 = 7.2 \cdot 10^{16}$ possible keys
 (b) 56 bits of key (7 bits per char, 8 chars)
 (c) 26 options can be held in 5 bits, so $5 \cdot 8 = 40$ bits
 (d)(i) $128/7 = 18.2$ so 19 characters
 (ii) $128/5 = 25.6$ so 27 characters