

Pinball Cipher

The Challenge

Greetings, young ladies and gentlemen!

Time is of the essence, so I shall skip the introductions. My children have disappeared – I haven't heard from them in weeks. In my relentless searches, all I was able to obtain is this single short message they have left for me.

The message is encrypted with the *Pinball Cipher*, a toy system which I authored personally for our family use. Unfortunately, the message author used a key unknown to me. I don't know much about the message, except it was evidently short, and must have been written in plain English, much like I am writing to you now.

Please help me recover the original message. I have provided you with the encrypted message, as well as the encryption software for this Pinball Cipher (for both Windows and Linux).

Yours Truly,
Sr. Reginald Hargreeves