Welcome to CryptaGram

the scrambled quote game for *Windows95* ™ ! Although this is the shareware version of the program , it has all the features of the Extended version, except it has less quotes to play (about 450 included with the shareware version. There are thousands included with the Extended version).

The full version is available for the minimal cost of $20 (Canadian or American). See 'Registration and Ordering below".
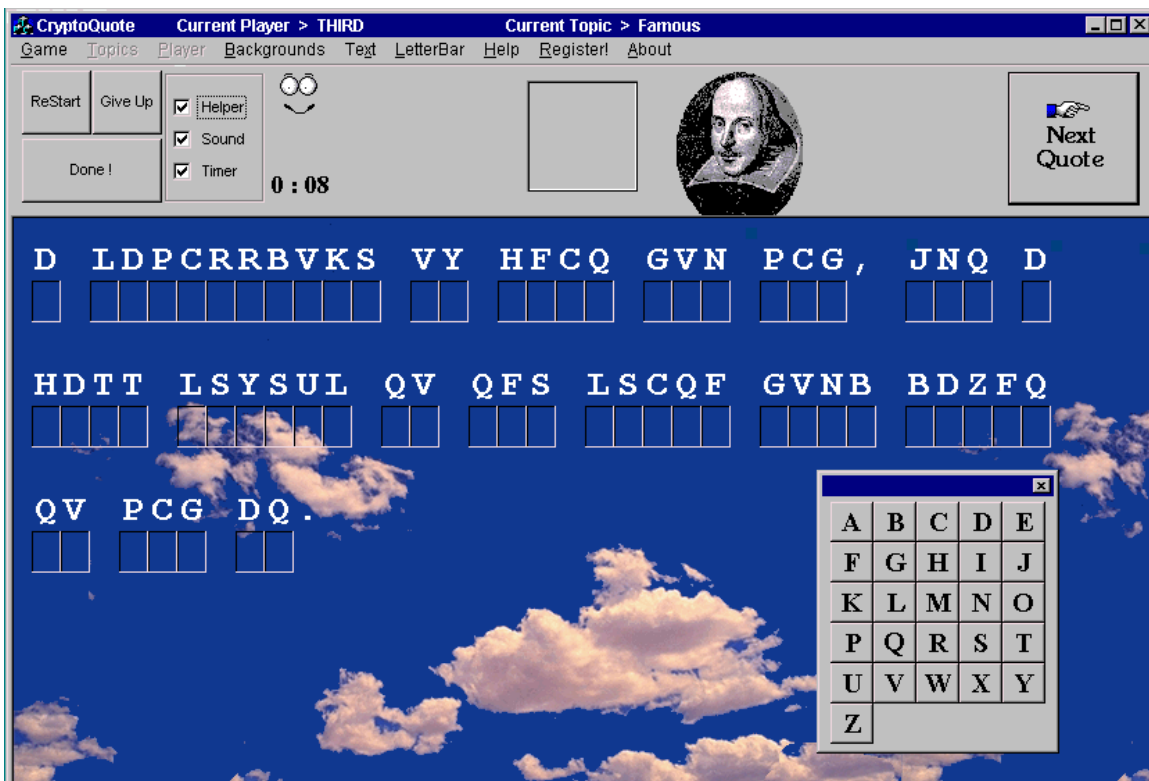
As this is a SHAREWARE program, you are encouraged to pass it on to others. There are no annoying 'reminders' to pay for use of this product.. **This does <u>not</u> imply it is free.** *<u>Many</u>* hours went into this project, and in order to induce myself and other programmers to continue producing such software, you are *encouraged* to send $10.00 to the address listed below. OK, enough about that.

The following is a brief overview of the game. For more detailed instructions, click on the Help menu.

<u>Note: This game is best played using 256 colours or more. Although it plays well at all resolutions, it look best at 1024 x 768.</u>

How to Play

Once you have entered your name you are ready for your first quote. Click on the 'NEXT' button, to display the scrambled quote. You will see something like this:

Details:

Examine the quote for clues as to what each letter might be. For example, single letters could be "I" or "A", and something like "ZQB" could be "THE". Look for letters which repeat, e.g. 'VV could be 'LL. Many words in English end with 'E", so this may be a good place to start. Hyphens, semi-colons etc. are also clues to watch for. The timer will not start until you choose a letter to begin play.

Click on a letter button.. You will see the chosen letter displayed. Now click on any rectangular window under a scrambled letter. The chosen letter will be placed in this window, and under each instance of the scrambled letter. This may sound complicated, but once you see how it works, it will make sense. You can erase any letter simply by clicking on the depressed letter button once more.

When you have completed the quote, click on the "Done" button. If you have successfully unscrambled the quote, the timer will stop, you will hear a congratulatory sound clip (assuming you have the sound turned on), and you will see the smily face become very, very happy.

At this time you may choose the next quote in the current topic, choose a new topic, change the text colour and size (see Text Menu below), view your statistics, or choose a new player and begin again. These options are not available during game play.

Background graphics can be changed at any time. Click on the Background menu, then choose either solid colours or patterns.

On the main game panel, just under the menu bar, you see the following large buttons:

Next Quote: Push this to play the next quote.

Done: When you complete the quote, click on this to see if you are correct.

Restart: If you would like to start over, this clears all your letters.

Give Up: You just can't get it, this will display the correct answer at the cost of 60 minutes.

Also, you see three check boxes. These are:

Helper
Sound
Timer

Helper:

If checked, you invoke an assistant. He will help you by reacting to each letter you place on the board: if correct, he smiles, if incorrect, he grimaces. If you worry about such things, there is a penalty of l minute for each letter you get his help with.

Sound:

 Simply toggles the sound effects off and on.

Timer:

Makes the timer visible or invisible. Keep in mind that this does not disable the timer, just hides it.

How to Cheat:

There are two ways to 'cheat' :

1) As explained above, you can use the helper to assist you in your work, or

2) Place the mouse cursor over an answer letter rectangle (below the scrambled letter). Right click (click on the right button), and the correct letter will appear. There is a penalty of 5 minutes for each time this is used.

Menu	Action
Game\New	Starts a new quote
Game\Restart	Clears your answer to restart the current scrambled quote
Game\Give Up	Stops the current quote, displays the answer. You are penalized the 60 minutes.
Game\Quit	Exit CryptaGram
Topic	Change the current topic
Player\New	Add a new player or choose one who has played before.
Player\Delete	Erase a player from the list (you cannot erase the current player).
Player\Show Stats	Displays the current player's statistics
BackGround\Solid Colours	Choose a solid colour as the current topic's background.
BackGround\Patterns	Choose a pattern instead.
Text\Black	Change the text to black. Useful if playing on a light background.
Text\White	Change the text to white.
Text\Size	Alter the size of the text.
LetterBar\Float	Floats the letterbar. Can be resized or moved.
LetterBar\Park	Attach the letterbar to the main game panel (try it).
Help\How to Play	Similar to this file, only a little more detailed.
Help\How to Cheat	How to use the 'helper' and 'right click' for help when stuck..
Help\General Help	Displays a Windows95^{TM} Help window.
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