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Third list out the letters in positions $\equiv 3, 5 \pmod{6}$.

Fourth list out the letters in positions $\equiv 4 \pmod{6}$.

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This one I leave to you. I might put it on the **midterm** or **final**

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Equivalent to

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1 \times 4 - 2 \times 3 = 4 - 6 = -2 \equiv 11 \neq 0.$$

The final answer uses the formula for inverses BUT NOTE THAT you DO NOT use $\frac{1}{11}$ IN THE FINAL ANSWER. You use what it is mod 13 which is WELL LETS SEE:

$$13 = 11 \times 1 + 2$$

$$11 = 2 \times 5 + 1.$$

$$1 = 11 - 2 \times 5 = 11 - (13 - 11) \times 5 = 11 \times 6 - 13 \times 5$$

$1 \equiv 11 \times 6 \pmod{13}$. So the inverse of 11 mod 13 is 6.

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YES: Here is such a matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant is $6 \times 2 - 3 \times 4 = 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{13}$.