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**What to do?** Find distribution of alphabet for these types of docs. Write code sim to **Is-English** and try all shifts.

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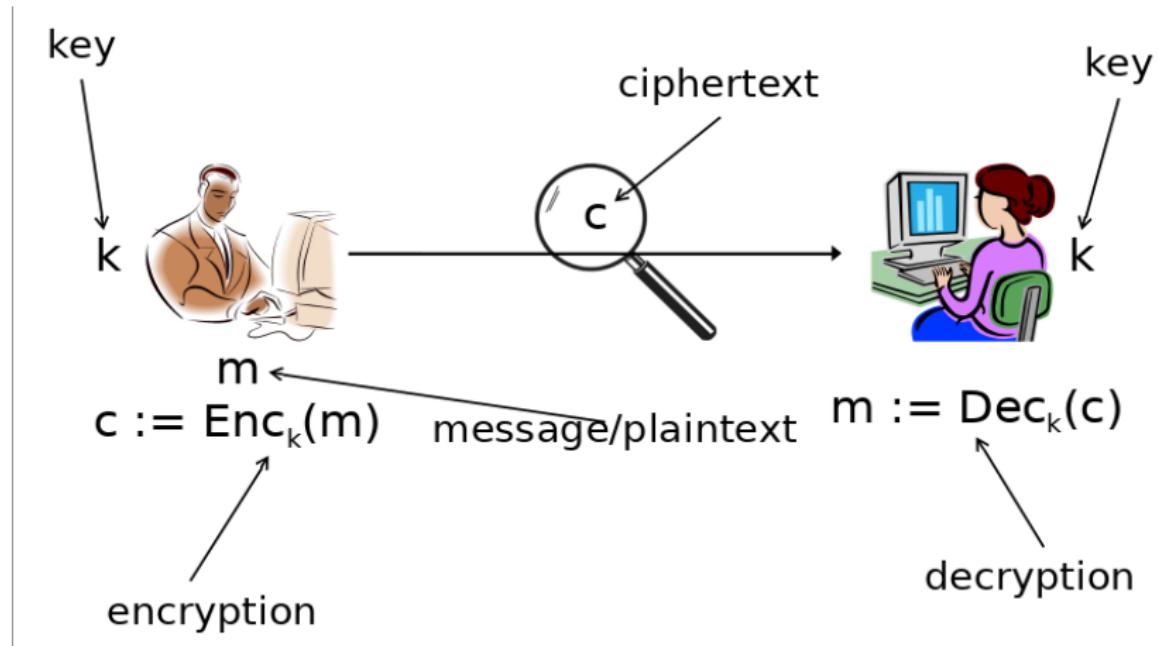
**Does this leak information** Discuss. Yes.

**What to do about this?** Discuss.

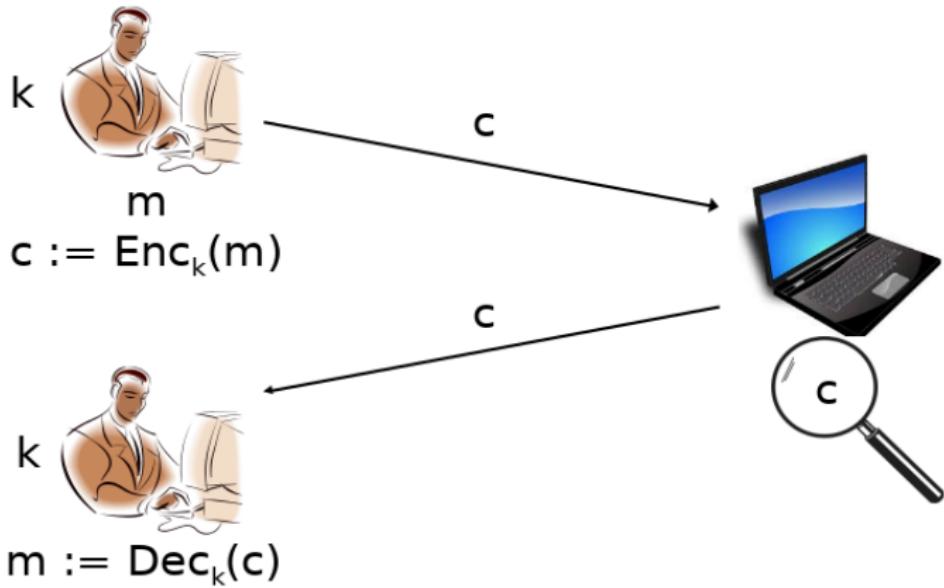
**For Now Nothing** Will come back to this issue after a few more ciphers.

**For Now** A lesson in how even defining **security** and **leak** must be done carefully.

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- ▶ A *private-key encryption scheme* is defined by a message space  $\mathcal{M}$  and algorithms (**Gen**, **Enc**, **Dec**)
  - ▶ **Gen** (key generation algorithm): outputs  $k \in \mathcal{K}$   
(For SHIFT this is  $k \in \{0, \dots, 25\}$ . Should 0 be included?)
  - ▶ **Enc** (encryption algorithm): takes key  $k$  and message  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  as input; outputs ciphertext  $c$

$$c \leftarrow Enc_k(m)$$

(For SHIFT this is  $Enc(m_1, \dots, m_n) = (m_1 + k, \dots, m_n + k)$ .)

- ▶ **Dec** (decryption algorithm): takes key  $k$  and ciphertext  $c$  as input; outputs  $m$  or “error”

$$m := Dec_k(c)$$

(For SHIFT this is  $Dec(c_1, \dots, c_n) = (c_1 - k, \dots, c_n - k)$ .)

$$\forall k \text{ output by Gen } \forall m \in \mathcal{M}, Dec_k(Enc_k(m)) = m$$

(For SHIFT this is  $(m + k) - k = m$ )

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