

Action Cryptograms — Set 5

6 puzzles · Large print · answers on the last page

Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: S = O

Medium · 42 letters

N S B S Y C K T O U T X V D

Z S A O T O V X S S N C S

Z J V M A V T N S M V O

S X W ?

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

2. Clue: W = O

Hard · 42 letters

H K G Q O P C O Z C H P E

W N A P W Q F O W Q W V

J H U C H Q K W G P W N

P D F K V .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

3. Clue: L = O

Expert · 42 letters

T W T U D X S E Y T I M W L
Z I K W L Y L Q X X Q X K
W G L U X A G L J L
A M L K B .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

4. Clue: M = O

Expert · 43 letters

E R C F M X P W Q O N M F K

Z M F M O , M X P S C W P K

Z M U W G C X K

O P W N O M P K .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

5. Clue: N = E

Medium · 43 letters

K Q N Y W G K N Z ' G N T N

F S H H O P Y P Z N F P Z E

K Q W I A P K Q Q S G

Q W I O G .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

6. Clue: M = E

Medium · 43 letters

D A M L J U M N D E X D J G U

J N D A M Q M D D M I L G I

E Z J M X M G L Z W I Z B M .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Solver's cheat sheet

Most common letters

E T A O I N S H R D L U

Most common 1-letter words

A I

Most common 2-letter words

OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY
UP AN GO NO US AM

Most common 3-letter words

THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE
OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE
TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE

Common double letters

LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC

Common word endings

-ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST

After an apostrophe

T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Do you think I was born in a wood to be afraid of an owl?"

— Jonathan Swift, 1738, *Polite Conversation, Dialogue I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=R B=Y C=T D=S E=G F=P G=J H=C I=M J=E K=H L=X M=F N=D O=N P=Q Q=V R=Z S=O T=I
U=K V=A W=L X=W Y=U Z=B

2. "A hundred years of wrong do not make an hour of right."

— German proverb, 1857, *Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

Cipher key: A=W B=V C=E D=I E=S F=G G=U H=A I=P J=M K=H L=C M=X N=F O=D P=R Q=N R=B S=Q T=J
U=K V=T W=O X=L Y=Z Z=Y

3. "It is peculiar to man to love even those who do wrong."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

Cipher key: A=W B=G C=B D=P E=U F=Z G=H H=K I=A J=D K=N L=O M=R N=J O=F P=Y Q=V R=Q S=C T=I
U=S V=X W=T X=E Y=L Z=M

4. "When our actions do not, Our fears do make us traitors."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth, Act IV. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=J B=L C=E D=Y E=W F=N G=K H=X I=G J=B K=S L=P M=O N=I O=T P=R Q=C R=H S=F T=Q
U=M V=Z W=A X=U Y=V Z=D

5. "The master's eye will do more work than both his hands."

— English proverb, 1859, *Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

Cipher key: A=B B=P C=J D=Z E=K F=W G=S H=L I=N J=Q K=T L=U M=G N=E O=D P=O Q=H R=X S=I T=Y
U=C V=F W=A X=V Y=M Z=R

6. "The finest action is the better for a piece of purple."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

Cipher key: A=H B=L C=J D=T E=A F=X G=O H=G I=R J=I K=M L=F M=E N=S O=V P=W Q=B R=Q S=Z T=D
U=N V=Y W=U X=C Y=K Z=P