

Action Cryptograms — Set 9

6 puzzles · Standard 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: J = O

Hard · 45 letters

Z E J B D E H J B V F U V

G F B Y U Q Z J R Y X V Q, Y J

Q J Z Y U M G L M U S J B Q M U R.

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: U = E

Medium · 45 letters

N O V M Y L R N Q A Q R J U A O V

J N U Q A K O J U A M Z U I U A B

M L U ' V Z M A J T L U.

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: O = T

Hard · 45 letters

K D K O K Z I T O Z F F R Y J ,

N T K O I T O ; K D K O K Z I T O

O U W F , Z G F H B K O I T O .

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: G = A

Medium · 45 letters

G U Y T G Z J G K F I G K T C

I Z G Z H T F K T R T Y Q

G Z Z F Z H P T G K P G B Z F M 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: E = T

Expert · 46 letters

E P L R H U M F D H W E B J E X

Q X C B E P R B Y P E H U Q

R H B U C P H E F X V K H U Q X .

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: L = O

Expert · 46 letters

J O L G L R V X Y L T G U

J W W L A T Z D L E Z M J Z

S M V W M Z M X U Q L T L Z

J G Z X E .

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)

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Answer key

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1. "Though you are a prudent old man, do not despise counsel."

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

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

2. "His own character is the arbiter of every one's fortune."

— Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, *Sententiae (Maxims)*, 283 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "If it is not seemly, do it not; if it is not true, speak it not."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, XII. 17 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "A great man is a new statue in every attitude and action."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

5. "The manly part is to do with might and main what you can do."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1860, *The Conduct of Life, Wealth* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Apologies only account for that which they do not alter."

— Benjamin Disraeli, 1871, *Speech, July 28, 1871* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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