

Action Cryptograms — Set 12

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: A = T

Medium · 48 letters

C O W J A C V T V A O W

Z F L W A O U J E , U A U Z

J V A A O W Z F L W

A O U J E F R A W S F D D .

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: F = N

Medium · 49 letters

Z C E Q A F I E E A E Q Z I

T I O A F F A F O H Y

S P C Q Z , C F B A Q E I F B

P I L I F Q C F M I .

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: J = O

Expert · 49 letters

O X L W S W I N

V J C V P A A E J C Q P

A K J W N Z K I U L J C E F P

I C Z I V S S J B P S K P 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

4. Clue: D = I

Expert · 49 letters

Y D Q R Z H J R H K , B U J

J Z D O C Z M H K R S W ,

B U J C Z M X D S S N R

H D J Z W B U F D R O C .

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: Y = H

Hard · 49 letters

X Y B D G Y P N E P H Q Y

X Y B A B F O P M P X

Z F W W D X Y B G C M O A

C M X Y B C W Y F M O A .

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: E = N

Medium · 50 letters

B I U S E S M V S J E M N

O N E ' Z F I N T Z J E M R D

X I X N Z E S M X R E C

I D Z I M S V S J E 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. "When two do the same thing, it is not the same thing after all."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 338 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Hastiness is the beginning of wrath, and its end repentance."

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

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

3. "By mutual concession we should harmonize and act together."

— *Abraham Lincoln, 1862, Second Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "Give orders, and do it yourself, and you will be rid of anxiety."

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

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

5. "They who plough the sea do not carry the winds in their hands."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 759 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count."

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

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