

Action Cryptograms — Set 15

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: B = O

Hard · 52 letters

A M Y L N M Y K K U G B L B

F X H B P X O X P V D B A D ,

Y D G Z Y V X L M X Y R X

L B E B Z X Z T B A 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

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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2. Clue: Y = O

Expert · 52 letters

P W Y J G V E P U R , C N F
G Y T Y F V R R X S H Y D A ,
- T Y F E J T S V Y
R Z L R T V J W R P V
S H Y D 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

3. Clue: E = T

Hard · 52 letters

K I Y N E T H G V E M K I P

K A E T H C F P E P R H Y Y

P L H H E G I B D Y K P P K R

M I E T H B F P 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

4. Clue: A = T

Medium · 52 letters

A X H P T B A X E A
C A E N A C A X H X E N H
Q C E C B T T P E C A X H
T M H A X E A D E A D X H C
Q 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

5. Clue: K = T

Medium · 53 letters

K V T F L V E E V Y C K F E
K A E D V S V S M F K D F I
K D F E A G V L
C S M B G C I V K H A O
O C J K 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

6. Clue: K = E

Medium · 53 letters

C G X V S L X K W W F ;
N Q L C A S N K E Q C I K
L Y K L Y C V E C G X , N F
M K K X C V E
S L Y K W B C 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

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. "What shall I do to be forever known, And make the age to come my own?"

— Abraham Cowley, 1656, *Poems, The Motto* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Avoid shame, but do not seek glory, - nothing so expensive as glory."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I. p. 88 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Only the actions of the just Smell sweet and blossom in the dust."

— James Shirley, 1659, *The Contention of Ajax and Ulysses*, Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The dog that starts the hare is as good as the one that catches it."

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

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

5. "Time dissipates to shining ether the solid angularity of facts."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series, History* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "I am not merry; but I do beguile the thing I am, by seeming otherwise."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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