

Action Cryptograms — Set 16

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: T = N

Medium · 54 letters

S V T H V C Z S R , . . .

X N U S V P V M

P R D Z T T Z T D D N R V C

X N Z R T M F I Z L F I V J R

F L N O T D O L .

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: I = T

Expert · 54 letters

V D V W N T M Q R B T L B
J K B U J L Z M I ,
I F Q Z P F K I R Q Z M U
X Z Y Y M V F K S I Q U Q
E V I I V 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

3. Clue: K = I

Hard · 54 letters

R Q K X B T K A R X H K G

K X H X H U S K X A G A X X

M K U L R S M H E R D A

E O S D W K X R O H J R K S 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: B = T

Hard · 54 letters

T H B T C B I Y O X N

T C D H C B T F G S N Y G H

E O F P M X Z C G N I H X X

J O Q B N Y F B

T F J Q H X 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

5. Clue: M = I

Expert · 54 letters

M G N S Q O Q P N S Q X M T
G M L Q , K B N R L D R B X
Z H R P V ; M G M N
X P M L T , F R P T D R B
K H Q P T Q .

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: I = A

Medium · 54 letters

I C I X H L S R W

Z X D J I K Y A Z P R W

S A K Y X P Y W W K S

N P I C Y K L I X L R W

N Y X Y A I G K S J .

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

Answer key

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1. "Many a time, . . . from a bad beginning great friendships have sprung up."

— Terence, 161 BC, *Eunuchus*, Act V. Sc. 2, 34. (873) (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Every clown can find fault, though it would puzzle him to do better."

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

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

3. "This quiet sail is as a noiseless wing to waft me from distraction."

— Lord Byron, 1816, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*, Canto III, Stanza 85 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "He that would have a thing done quickly and well must do it himself."

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

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

5. "If the weather is fine, put on your cloak; if it rains, do as you please."

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

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

6. "A man who is ungrateful is often less to blame than his benefactor."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, *Maximes*, 96 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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