

Action Cryptograms — Set 17

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: W = O

Hard · 55 letters

P G X C W Q L W X K E W P L W Y K

 Z R F G Z M K F G M X C M E Y

 U X Y O Y K M P I Y U K C W O M E

 Y E G W R 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

2. Clue: D = T

Medium · 55 letters

D Q Y Y S Y A W T C W B Q W K U W

 A S V D D V Q K D S

 O S I W D M Q K J Y Q Z W

 C B S C M W D Q U O D B V Q 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

3. Clue: E = O

Hard · 55 letters

B E C T M B A I I Z E Y T E H E C

 S X Q G Z Y , H E C M F N T E N M

 Z E Y L G Y H Q A Y F N J N Z A Z

 T N N T 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

4. Clue: J = E

Hard · 55 letters

S G A L J T S D D F J V J A N Z

 Q S K A I J , A L J K J T S D D F J

 Z N E K H R A S R J N G

 T S R U J O Z J V 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: D = T

Hard · 55 letters

P V Z V D D A U Q F T O Z Y O D
D V S G L L F Q E Z V J O Z Y
D A G D D A U Q E Z V J
Z V D A O Z Y G D G M 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

6. Clue: B = E

Medium · 55 letters

L B C B A K R I W J O L Z
H R L H B A L O L Z W J B
A B H W O W V K B R M S J O H J
E R V I A B O L K R V G 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

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

Answer key

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1. "The fox does not do as much mischief in a year as it pays for in an hour."

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

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

2. "Till old experience do attain to something like prophetic strain."

— John Milton, 1645, *Il Penseroso*, Line 173 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Words will not do for my aunt, for she does not put faith even in deeds."

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

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

4. "If the will be set on virtue, there will be no practice of wickedness."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

5. "Do not they bring it to pass by knowing that they know nothing at all?"

— Terence, 166 BC, *Andria*, The Prologue. 17 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Never do a thing concerning the rectitude of which you are in doubt."

— Pliny the Younger, 105, *Letters*, Book I. Letter XVIII. 5 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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