

Action Cryptograms — Set 18

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: X = I

Hard · 55 letters

N S M T X L B C F G X O Y

O Q X U X N - K X T M

N S X L B , Y L C V Y L L F N

P M B F N P W Y V N X J M

C F X L B .

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 = T

Medium · 56 letters

P Y U M L E S U K T
B P V V T Z , U K P U Z L I
S T T X S L U G T P C
U K L M T R K L M U P S X
L S U K T K E 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

3. Clue: D = T

Medium · 56 letters

Z F O I X C V D E V Q X

U J F D N E D I Z F O B

D F J R O V Z F O T X J J F D

O J Q F N E D I Z F O B

D V V D 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

4. Clue: L = O

Medium · 56 letters

T X A L G I S E A L G

R O L Z S O I M I S E C M ;

T X A L G R T E R E T B B ,

T X A L G R B C C F , A L G

R O L Z T 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

5. Clue: I = H

Medium · 56 letters

M I Q K X D Y V Q M M

S I X P G M I U V Z O

R Q N L U N K G H P I Q

S Q P , G L G O U M U

K V E I G H P I Q O N 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

6. Clue: P = E

Hard · 56 letters

Q X I X R R O P I F P
R G S P Q X J
S P K P G Z G I D C O U R G E
N E P J N V F T Q X G I D
G R R X X R O P S 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. "The kingdom is a spirit-like thing, and cannot be got by active doing."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

2. "Act so in the valley, that you need not fear those who stand on the hill."

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

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

3. "You have tied a knot with your tongue you cannot undo with your teeth."

— English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, *Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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

4. "If you act you show character; if you sit still, if you sleep, you show it."

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

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

5. "She may guess what I should perform in the wet, if I do so much in the dry."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1605, *Don Quixote, Part I, Book III. Chap. XI* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Do not then be tired of receiving what is useful by doing it to others."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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