

Action Cryptograms — Set 20

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: W = S

Medium · 57 letters

A W T T U L Y W R G C Z

J A X T K H T U M L Y C Z W

A C R M T W J A N W ,

W R H G A C A C K Y N L C

R M T W R G H R .

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 = W

Medium · 57 letters

J O I F C O M F H F D V V ,

Y B F C O M F H F D V V ,

M C H G B O M Z B H J G R M

J B P P D V I F D M C B R M

B O P 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

3. Clue: V = E

Hard · 57 letters

S N V L R X T R U S N V
M P Q V D O E V W R P X S O H
X V Z E E K Z L R X T R U
W N Z X Z W S V X
I P O E G O D 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

4. Clue: X = E

Expert · 58 letters

J X X W N S H X P H Q G J ,

D M K R O D K S N D

W N S H X P H X X H J ,

V R O C U N G Q P H S N E X

O M R K F Y C R P 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

5. Clue: G = T

Medium · 58 letters

S G G S Y V O Z G Q U
T U S Y G O M J . O J U C U T
G Q O J V O Q S C U Q O G
Q S T L P J N U Z Z O G
T U R M P J L Z .

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: L = N

Hard · 58 letters

D K L V Y I C G K A K N N
U L B K K B N , L V G
I V L O T N K B U L
Z V G B N , L V G
G C E D A U L M U L
Y X V T M X Y .

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											

Answer key

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1. "I see you stand like greyhounds in the slips, Straining upon the start."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *King Henry V*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Say what we will, do what we will, the boat goes but sorrily without oars."

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

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

3. "The work of the juvenile court is really a work of character building."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1904, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "See golden days, fruitful of golden deeds, With joy and love triumphing."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book III. Line 337 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Attack is the reaction. I never think I have hit hard unless it rebounds."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell)*. Vol. V. Chap. VI. 1775 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Be not careless in deeds, nor confused in words, nor rambling in thought."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, VIII. 51 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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