

Action Cryptograms — Set 21

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: Q = N

Hard · 58 letters

U Q N P Q F U Q B H Q E U Q
 I D K R C D P L R B U Q T N R Q
 C D P I U J R H Q E I R H K R
 D V V T N R Q C D P Y H 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

2. Clue: X = A

Medium · 59 letters

H Z U D B Z K Z P I X O Y X P
 X O O ; Z P W D F H I X O Y A K
 P W D W A T W I X C H ; X M D I
 I X O Y X G F Z H H O Z P H .

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: P = A

Medium · 60 letters

X K P N G Z J K O H T K X K

Z V K P I Z, P A L

P O G K T Y P T L Z Z V K P I Z

P N N H T L R A F G H X R Z

P N G R H A 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: C = A

Hard · 61 letters

Y C K H J C J S C N X K X C W K M

Q S W Q C W X F D K X Q F J C J

N C X O J Q S Y I X W Y R R F O Q

Q S A T A A M - O Q D 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 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)

Answer key

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1. "In hunting and in love you begin when you like and leave off when you can."

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

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

2. "Some do not walk at all; others walk in the highways; a few walk across lots."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

3. "Action is transitory, - a step, a blow; The motion of a muscle, this way or that."

— William Wordsworth, 1842, *The Borderers, Act III* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "When we see the conqueror we do not think much of any one battle or success."

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

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

5. "He acts before he speaks, and afterwards speaks according to his actions."

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

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

6. "Talks as familiarly of roaring lions as maids of thirteen do of puppy-dogs!"

— William Shakespeare, 1596, *King John, Act II. Sc. 1* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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