

Action Cryptograms — Set 23

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: F = N

Medium · 61 letters

S Q K F K A U F K E A G X

R X A G K Q K D Q C T E S F Z

J Y T F S F Q S V A R X F A

T Z T S F B A T E G K W X

Y X K Y W X .

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: L = E

Medium · 61 letters

V R J D A J F J G B T L O L

B T Z B B T L M L G J M L

J A X K Z M L M L Q Y B L R

F V O L G J M O Z K V A S

A J B T V A S .

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: C = O

Expert · 62 letters

P Y A C N E P M L I C K L A ,

W D L K O A C N J W L G Y

B P Z U P Z , R K O O C

K C Z I L J L G A

R X R K O C K P Z Z C

Z U L 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 = E

Hard · 62 letters

K L T B K T M D B Z C L

J V Y D L K V Y T S X Z F L

Q D ; K L S Y R Y J

T B K T M D B Z C L J V Y D L

K V Y X K L T S X Z F 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

5. Clue: W = E

Medium · 62 letters

W H O W R P N M M X S L J W
E W W S F L K W U W U A W K
L D K S D F X F L F Y W
H F K N E Q W K J P F Y P E
L D K Q N F W 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

6. Clue: J = E

Medium · 63 letters

G Z D O X O Z J W T X W H
X T C X U J W V H J V O ,
R V E J J E , I D V M X
G J K K E J M J W U J X F W
J M O J J H D V E K X U 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)

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Answer key

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1. "I do not know the method of drawing up an indictment against a whole people."

— Edmund Burke, 1775, *Speech on Conciliation with America, Speech on the Conciliation of America. Vol. II. p. 136* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "I do know of these that therefore only are reputed wise for saying nothing."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice, Act I. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "If you give money, spend yourself with it, and do not merely abandon it to them."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "We always like those who admire us; we do not always like those whom we admire."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, *Maximes, 294* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "Especially do we need to remember our duty to the stranger within our gates."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1906, *Sixth Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "What other form of government, indeed, can so well deserve our esteem and love?"

— John Adams, 1797, *Inaugural Address*

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