

Action Cryptograms — Set 24

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: K = E

Medium · 63 letters

N G K U L S N Q M N G L N

K S I Z I H Q S

V X I O X K M M Z K C K X

H L X S G K M U I X E L X R

Q Z L M N X L Q O G N

D Q Z 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

2. Clue: M = T

Medium · 63 letters

Q G I V O ' M H S L A I U ,
P A M Q G I V O L V F G
S A D C E M M C G
B V I D E X E I G B , V O H
S A Y U M M S H S E M
Y C V H C 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

3. Clue: X = E

Medium · 63 letters

R A X W X Q W X Q V Y W R

Y N K X I G A Y V X

C L V Q B X V Z Y P W X Q K

Q I Z K Q I R S X S L E X Q

V R Q I Z L I B J Y I 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

4. Clue: B = E

Medium · 63 letters

H B C V K B J M E

G B D X R U R M V C , I Z B C

R Z B W D B G K V G H U

O V V A A B B A , K U M E R V

O B R P G B A M R K V G M 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

5. Clue: B = O

Easy · 64 letters

F B F D B Y M K D Z D
M K U F E Z B T E K M M B
Q D V C P P D X C O C F ' Z ,
J K U V K X B F B M
Q D P B F E M B C O C F ,
C Z O C F .

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 = T

Medium · 64 letters

C L A I B W G P A P O ,

Y A M H C L H I U A G A C

W T S F W V C L C L S C

B H S P I C W J H W T

P W C H , J H O A P I

J H C A B H 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

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. "The fact is that economic progress never marches forward in a straight line."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1927, *State of the Union Address*

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

2. "We can't do much, but we can make our little sacrifices, and ought to do it gladly."

— Louisa May Alcott, 1868, *Little Women*

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

3. "There are a sort of men whose visages do cream and mantle like a standing pond."

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

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

4. "Men of evil reputation, when they perform a good deed, fail to get credit for it."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

5. "None of these things ought to be called a man's, which do not belong to a man, as man."

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

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

6. "This morning, like the spirit of a youth that means to be of note, begins betimes."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Antony and Cleopatra, Act IV. Sc. 4* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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