

Action Cryptograms — Set 26

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: P = E

Expert · 65 letters

U R I S C E R X T N P N U P

F B S M P D E ! I P Z T E N

E H P S F C G N U P A S Y O , R Y

P W T D M R A S N D R B I D X X

T B O R 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

2. Clue: S = A

Medium · 65 letters

P Q R G D I O S F Q S

F W T K M I M W T W O B H M R

H Q S Y M I X , F U S H B Q W O O

W G H Y W D D Q D S T K D I S H I

S O H Q D U .

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: P = T

Medium · 65 letters

L Z E P B P D I M B G E J Z D B P

Q J L Z M E P X D V P B T E P B Q R ;

W Q D I Q R Q P J B R I B P

E F Q R L L Z Q G G K M Q K V M .

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 = T

Easy · 66 letters

R V X G O U J T U T I G Y X , H

R H W V O U J I R I B X U ' L V X

W X I , L V I L O U J Q H C V L

X B X A T U G U L V H G C N J L

L V I 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: G = E

Medium · 66 letters

C G U E Z W V X G V F X Q C U E

Z B W U X V E T P G E W O C X E G

G V F E O U P P K Z A G C U K

D S G Z W G E W , Z V F V X W

T G E 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

6. Clue: M = T

Medium · 66 letters

T V M J T A X S E H Z F S X E M
G Q A T V X A A E R M T I T M L
E V U H B B H S M Q V T M L
R E Q M T H V T A V H M
Q V M T D X Y 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

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. "How absolute the knave is! we must speak by the card, or equivocation will undo us."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "We must face a condition of grim reality, charge off our losses and start afresh."

— Warren G. Harding, 1921, *Inaugural Address*

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

3. "Gratitude is a fruit of great cultivation; you do not find it among gross people."

— Samuel Johnson, 1773, *Tour to the Hebrides*. Sept. 20, 1773 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "When you do dance, I wish you a wave o' the sea, that you might ever do nothing but that."

— William Shakespeare, 1611, *The Winter's Tale*, Act IV. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "He is at no end of his actions blest whose ends will make him greatest, and not best."

— George Chapman, 1608, *The Conspiracy and Tragedy of Charles, Duke of Byron*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "In this era of great business activity and opportunity caution is not untimely."

— William McKinley, 1900, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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