

Action Cryptograms — Set 27

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: U = T

Hard · 66 letters

Z E P N I T S U E E F P B N

G S C D S B U P D E H U N S

X E G A O : U N S Z A E C S Y U

U N I U O E W P Z Y U X Y U N

F P B N B I G 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

2. Clue: P = N

Easy · 66 letters

P Y A V T G V M I V X A N Y P I
 I K Y G A K U O V P ; G U S N P R
 G K Y R Y U I V H N P R P U I I
 N I P Y A A K U E U S Y E U
 H N P 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: Z = E

Medium · 66 letters

G A Z Q Z V Q Z W Z M W N Z , B A M
 G A Z T M Q Z J M S H M U M Q
 G A Z T , G A Z N Z X X G A Z J
 B K N N H M U M Q
 G A Z T X Z N R Z 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

4. Clue: L = T

Hard · 66 letters

L X G L Y D L B M K Y I L G T N ,

K M B K Q Q A Q Y G T G J D I M L G

L B I M X I T T P W J K R L G S

L B I P H Q I Y P K T L B I 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

5. Clue: I = T

Medium · 66 letters

X L G I I K L C F L P D F J Z D ?

I K D Y X L Y L I G S C T Y X D N

I J U D , Z L N I K T I J G I K D

G I C Z Z F J Z D J G U T X D 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: Y = H

Expert · 67 letters

D Y L E X O N Y L V Y H P J Q P
E P D Y P C I Y G C C I E U P T I
K T I B J I E D S H D Y G E
D Y L E X O N Y L V Y H P J Q P
Y P C 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
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. "You have too much respect upon the world: They lose it that do buy it with much care."

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

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

2. "Not always actions show the man; we find who does a kindness is not therefore kind."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays*, Epistle I. Line 109 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "There are people, who the more you do for them, the less they will do for themselves."

— Jane Austen, 1815, *Emma*

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

4. "Two truths are told, As happy prologues to the swelling act of the imperial theme."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1746, *Poor Richard's Almanack*

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

6. "Things which you do not hope happen more frequently than things which you do hope."

— Plautus, 195 BC, *Mostellaria*, Act I. Sc. 3, 40. (197) (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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