

Action Cryptograms — Set 28

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: N = E

Expert · 67 letters

B W Q Y V Q W J B X N D Q

I N K B D Y N I R L O N

(E Y U W Q B X M J N N I W V

Z Y D O X B H M G W E Y K N H

L Y I X N Q W D G I N N 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Clue: K = E

Easy · 67 letters

D X Y V Y H D S C K

K I D K B V Y U

H X F F K B H K D Q K

Z B X D K H D S X V X E Y

V Y C Y U E X B H K S O

S V P S O Z K V O Y T U 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

3. Clue: I = T

Medium · 67 letters

C Q Z J R I , C I C H J H

K C Z Z C R G P I I E

J V V A E V A C J I B I D B

I D E G W D I H E Z

E I D B A H J H C I C H I E

C Q U B Q 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: O = A

Easy · 68 letters

I B V K O W N I O N

P F N N P Q G O L R P Q

N I W B V H I F H Y Q O D H !

H B H I F L Q H O U B B R

R Q Q R F L O L O X U I N A

V B W 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

5. Clue: G = R

Medium · 68 letters

P Y A D W Q W D V V X G Q

X D G G J K T Q W X G

H X W Y X D G

E T Z G Z E Q Y G , Z O S

P J Q T J Q , V Y G T Z V W ,

X D G H J F Y G Q J Y 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: L = T

Medium · 68 letters

L K Z U E K C O T L

E F L K C Q L

W Q Y Y F T F Z P L

L K C Q R K L , E F B B

C Y L Z P Y O B B F P L C

Q P W Q W G Z T L Z M

M O P R Z 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. "Torn from their destined page (unworthy meed of knightly counsel and heroic deed)."

— John Ferriar, 1798, *Illustrations of Sterne, Bibliomania*. Line 121 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "To an active external commerce the protection of a naval force is indispensable."

— George Washington, 1796, *Eighth Annual Message to Congress*

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

3. "In fact, it is as difficult to appropriate the thoughts of others as it is to invent."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1876, *Letters and Social Aims, Quotation and Originality* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

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

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

5. "We must support our rights or lose our character, and with it, perhaps, our liberties."

— James Monroe, 1817, *First Inaugural Address*

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

6. "They who act without sufficient thought, will often fall into unsuspected danger."

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

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