

Action Cryptograms — Set 30

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: V = O

Medium · 71 letters

Q R I D W U W E M V U W E K X W K D

L I K S I N E C G Z V D V

B E V X V D W S E W W B V B F C I E

W Z F L I D N V K V F M R D D V O W

Z V K 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

2. Clue: Z = O

Medium · 71 letters

E Z I Z Y M E Z Y I P A H C I P E
 X Z J Z Y I N A H R M Y P G , Z Y
 D Z H M X Z J P X S , P X H Z L C
 I P E M Z G N S D P S G N E C M
 S D Y C P 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

3. Clue: D = I

Medium · 71 letters

A Y U K E M D E V K Y U V L Y U
 E P W K H F U V V F U K Y
 K B B D U H , K F H E I D F
 C K Y E D E D P F V H P E I U D Y
 Q P L F H V H D G D H 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

4. Clue: P = A

Easy · 71 letters

T S Y S D P Z D B X H D Z B P M S ,

D T U J M V P G H H X S L P Y H

U R P Z D B X H D Z B P M S ;

T S Y S D P A T P Z , H X S

L P Y H U R P A T P 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

5. Clue: X = L

Medium · 71 letters

N L O T A X X H U N L O V

M R A O Z Q M U Z I M R A N Q I X S

X U E I H , R I T A X X H U L X X

M R A O Z Q M U Z I M R A N Q I X S

I O E A I 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: W = T

Easy · 72 letters

W I C B F C Z C F S O W Q N D N E

W I C J N D Z W Q W X W Q N D

E F N P Q D E F O J W Q N D Q Z

W I C B F C Z Q H C D W ' Z

I Q V I C Z W H X W 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

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. "Whatever Government can fairly do to promote free popular education ought to be done."

— Rutherford B. Hayes, 1880, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

2. "No cord nor cable can so forcibly draw, or hold so fast, as love can do with a twined thread."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Part III. Sect. 2, Memb. 1, Subsect. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "Great wits are sure to madness near allied, And thin partitions do their bounds divide."

— John Dryden, 1681, *Absalom and Achitophel, Part I. Line 163* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "Were I a nightingale, I would act the part of a nightingale; were I a swan, the part of a swan."

— Epictetus, 108, *Discourses (recorded by Arrian), Chap. XVI* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "Man will do many things to get himself loved, he will do all things to get himself envied."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

6. "The preservation of the Constitution from infraction is the President's highest duty."

— James K. Polk, 1848, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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