

Action Cryptograms — Set 31

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: S = E

Medium · 72 letters

B L S E S D P P Y E S N M R K

H E S O B S E I D P W K Z , B L O R

I S N N B K B D Z S B L S

X S H D R R D R H P , O R W

K R P S B P , K V B L D R H P .

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 = T

Hard · 73 letters

R E U W V , R U I X X I , S C X

X B R P W G S C M S R

F K Y F W Q X ; L K S O N

R U Z P R U M S R W U D X S Q S C X

L X S S X Y W G O N

T K I D O X U 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

3. Clue: P = E

Hard · 73 letters

J A Z N V Z H P Q Y K V E S P

H C P M L X A Y R Z R Q Y C X M B Q

K A Z S P P F, Y C P K V E S P X Q

F X B M X J X P F O G Y C P

F Z P A ' Q F P P 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

4. Clue: S = E

Medium · 73 letters

H O S A S G Y E P S E W,

G E W S S W, H P D M X G E L

Q P P X Y P A S N U S A G D S E H Y,

P A H P H A M B S R, P A H P

L M H O S A G E L Z S M R H O.

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: F = E

Medium · 73 letters

K X F P F G W R F F R U O

Y K E L C K F O C F C N R N

C F N G V V U G F E U A P F, N

C F N R V U L U X V G K P F, N X R

N C N X R V U F M F L J V 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: Z = T

Medium · 73 letters

D Q L S G G S J K B R S J S Z

T Q G Q G V Q T Z E F Z X Z X M,

F Y Z Q T F K K, F K D F B M Z E Q

Y X T M Z I Q T M S J Z E F Z X M

M I Q F H X J N.

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. "There is surely no greater wisdom, than well to time the beginnings, and onsets, of things."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

2. "I know, indeed, the evil of that I purpose; but my inclination gets the better of my judgment."

— Euripides, 431 BC, *Medea*, 1078 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "From lowest place when virtuous things proceed, The place is dignified by the doer's deed."

— William Shakespeare, 1605, *All's Well that Ends Well*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "There is no end, indeed, to making books or experiments, or to travel, or to gathering wealth."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

5. "In every deed of mischief he had a heart to resolve, a head to contrive, and a hand to execute."

— Edward Gibbon, 1776, *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, of the Roman Empire* (1776). Chap. XLVIII (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "We commonly do not remember that it is, after all, always the first person that is speaking."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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