

Action Cryptograms — Set 33

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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: B = A

Easy · 76 letters

D K T Q L Q U X Q U

K J W C Z G Q W P I B Z Z J

V B W J F M J V M G P

I B K , M G B M Q M I B Z

B S M F B T T K M I P T L P

D Q T P Z V W J D B

T P D J 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

2. Clue: Z = E

Easy · 77 letters

M R J Z C B C E L F

U F D O M Z O D K R E Z K K

O F D E U, R K L C E U R E

Y C D K Z S A Z H Z R

K A C M M G R H K L

O Z V R E, C E U O F L A

E Z V M Z N 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

3. Clue: L = S

Medium · 77 letters

B X D L B W R K L Y I

L X W E B , - K C N X

B X W F O X W L B D S F

Y I K L X I Q Y ; F K A

B X W F O L L D N N K K Y ,

C L E I S R K S B X W F O L

O S I A I Q Y .

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: W = A

Medium · 77 letters

N X L Q I M P W O I K T Y

W O N Q , N X L Q I

N X L T Q W H Z

Z I O I H O B I Q N X W N

Z W B Y A K Y L D K P L R

W Y Y X I P D L P Z Q W H Z

W O N B L H Q .

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: P = E

Hard · 78 letters

A P Z C L L R Y P I V P Z Y

Y R X P N P U M P B P G

O N R S Y R M U , X F Y A P

G R P I V P Z Y Y R

G M B P D Y M Y R O

G P E N C G M L E

Z R L G M Y M R L D .

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: X = E

Medium · 79 letters

X Z X I A V R L C F

W X T L M U K R X E N I C F

B T B L M , K N U N P X

X S K X M K , B M F C N Z X U

K N U K B A N J K F N N I U ,

X Z X M L M E X K B M F

V N C 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

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. "My living in Yorkshire was so far out of the way, that it was actually twelve miles from a lemon."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I. p. 262 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Like a man to double business bound, I stand in pause where I shall first begin, And both neglect."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Thus times do shift, - each thing his turn does hold; New things succeed, as former things grow old."

— Robert Herrick, 1648, *Hesperides*, *Ceremonies for Candlemas Eve* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Those graceful acts, Those thousand decencies that daily flow from all her words and actions."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book VIII. Line 600 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "We can not expect to be relieved from toil, but we do expect to divest it of degrading conditions."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1926, *State of the Union Address*

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

6. "Every child begins the world again, to some extent, and loves to stay out doors, even in wet and cold."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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