

Action Cryptograms — Set 37

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: M = E

Medium · 86 letters

V D V N F I V G C M V E

M J N M T F K Q E ; C W F

F B M D M M U K E Y K L

F B M U V H , V E S K F K L

F B V F H B K N B G Q W

I W L F E M K F B M P

Y V P C U M E Q P C M U K 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

2. Clue: W = T

Hard · 87 letters

W Z S B E L M W C P A T A W

F M S J P W Z S M E W E L S

B J X O A E W A W Z S

Q L E N Z X C S E A B

W Z S V, T A E W A Z M V

D Z A E X M C S C W Z S V

B A E W Z S V X E G S 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

3. Clue: Q = T

Easy · 87 letters

Z C C B I K X H K G B Y

Q J Z Q C B L D E Z H H K Q

P D R H I D T Y Q K K I

G B Q J K R Q V R E J

E J Z T B Q M, E Z H H K Q

P D C B S D I G B Q J K R Q

V R E J E J Z T B Q 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

4. Clue: V = I

Easy · 88 letters

K I H K R M D Y K P B U V M

V S L V S W ; K S W

K S J B U Y P B U V S F

B J J , B U K B N Y P R

I V B B I Y V S W Y Y W V M

S Y Q Y M M K P R E J P

I V N V S F K U K C C R

I V E 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

5. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 88 letters

M N Z E T D S F P A Q W Z

P G M N Z F Z

A S Z V T E U K Z Y

X K Z F F D S L F K D Z F D S

M N Z D S M Z L Q D M J T S Y

W N T Q T W M Z Q P G M N Z

T E Z Q D W T S U Z P U K 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: F = O

Medium · 88 letters

B V J R V W D H I B J F Y I

S Z I W V R R I D S, H W

K O P O C X F R

J H B C I B L I D S S F F O C

F Y W L C F J H U V K

I P D I B B F R S F F

R V E H K H V C

Z V L L H W I B B.

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. "A fact may be an exception; but the feeling is the law, and it is that which you must neither garble nor belie."

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

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

2. "The fruits do not yield their true flavor to the purchaser of them, nor to him who raises them for the market."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

3. "All I do know is that life cannot be understood without much charity, cannot be lived without much charity."

— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *An Ideal Husband*

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

4. "Always bear this in mind; and another thing too, that very little indeed is necessary for living a happy life."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

5. "The main source of these unexampled blessings lies in the integrity and character of the American people."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1928, *State of the Union Address*

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

6. "Sad fancies do we then affect, In luxury of disrespect to our own prodigal excess of too familiar happiness."

— William Wordsworth, 1807, *Poems in Two Volumes, Ode to Lycoris* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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