

Action Cryptograms — Set 38

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: L = E

Easy · 88 letters

M S M K S J L P X B K S

L O M A X W S X X

C M L A V M Y I E Y V

M Y V L D M K M O L E

D J E B E D S L B, S J E S

Y X M Y W A F L Y D L X O L B

M S D E Y H L

V L Z L Y V L V X 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

2. Clue: V = N

Medium · 89 letters

S W N J B O J W H X P J Z V

C V J S U Z V T W V G

P J H S Z V Z S, Z V

B W H H Z V T L P C I C V J

H C Q Z W O W Q S S C

W V C S U J P H C Q Z W O

W Q S, S U Z V N Z V T C L

T C G .

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: U = E

Easy · 90 letters

L Y U F U D R S N

V Y J F J V L U F,

Y N P R N U I U F T N N K

J S K B D S U, Z O L D L

V J S Z U K U R L F N C U K

Z C F D K D V O X U,

Y N P R N U I U F Q N N F

J S K P D L X U R 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

4. Clue: B = O

Easy · 90 letters

K C H B R B N Z R B K W R

C H P A T C L B B N P R

N O C K B B H M , K C

S W R R B N N C T T B X L

S B X L M C A F N O C

M N W L M , R B L N O C

O B X L B G N O C H W F A F

N O C M X 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: P = E

Medium · 90 letters

X K X N K X E P K B R K Q P

B R W H A O U E E U A

N O B U U I N , K B R K Q P

W X W A U K I P R M P U J J

U H F P W H O R K X U A

Q B P A Q P S P T X A K U

S P E P A R A W Q U E P A .

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 = A

Medium · 90 letters

X A X F H S L P E L O Z C

Q X L F P Z E X B C V P Z O

C M N C S B L O O L R L V P

L O C M Z X P L O E X

L J L D X O , J E X Z E X F

M F C S O Q X X B C F L P H

L K O Z F L N Z V C 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

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. "It is the worst evil of too yielding and indecisive a character, that no influence over it can be depended on."

— Jane Austen, 1817, *Persuasion*

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

2. "Take pleasure in one thing and rest in it, in passing from one social act to another social act, thinking of God."

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

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

3. "There is no character, howsoever good and fine, but it can be destroyed by ridicule, howsoever poor and witless."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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

4. "We do not know an edible root in the woods, we cannot tell our course by the stars, nor the hour of the day by the sun."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *Essays: Second Series*

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

5. "It is time that we had uncommon schools, that we did not leave off our education when we begin to be men and women."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

6. "Every man has to learn the points of compass again as often as he awakes, whether from sleep or any abstraction."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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