

Action Cryptograms — Set 39

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: P = T

Easy · 90 letters

P F D O D N O D U D M R J P F D

M B O V E M F B N P P N R J P B

P F D P D N T F R J I M R P F B W P

M B O E X , N J E P F D

N E Q N J P N I D N O R X R J I

U O B L J B J - N T P R B J .

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 = E

Easy · 90 letters

X O A W X J Q X V N C A X E W

X R J S L V F Q B F J C W

W U I W R J W K J L C W

I W A Y L A Q W K T S J G L B J

T S J V W F F, Y L A L V W J G X J

R L Q W F J L F L Q W V L J S R 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: N = E

Easy · 91 letters

K D U Y D F Z L O ,

F B N U N E K U N , F K T A F

D G K I F B L I Q O T O F B N Z

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

U N T O K I T M V N G U K W L O L K I

E K U P B T F N W N U F B N Z X T Z

M 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

4. Clue: F = E

Medium · 91 letters

W N W O A C W T T A F F Z W Q F A ,

P C W P L Z S M H F D W N L O F

P C F N J W V P Y S J W V P , S M H

A C W T T Z L O B O F G F V W

U M M B ; W O B S F P

W T P M U F P C F V B M I F T T .

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: N = E

Medium · 93 letters

J C N H N U H N R N F R T N K C F

B U O A F U T T I Z O N U O A

C N H F Z B J C Z O W M X Y J

F O N ! Q N N R I H F S

J N T T Z O W J C N Z H

C U R R Z O N M M N M J F J C N

Y O C U R R 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

6. Clue: J = E

Medium · 93 letters

F V V H J G R F G E J J Q Y J
Q F R Q M R E B Y J C J I W M
R S G O Z J C , I Z Q B Y F Q
G S G J R F G E J J M E Q Y J
E Q C F Q J P W S Z Q S L B Y M R Y
N M R Q S C W M E J N S V N 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

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 are few in the world who attain to the teaching without words, and the advantage arising from non-action."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

2. "A great many brave actions must be expected to be performed without witness, for one that comes to some notice."

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

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

3. "Our duty is, therefore, to act upon things as they are and to make a reasonable provision for whatever they may be."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1806, *Sixth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "A man shall see faces, that if you examine them part by part, you shall find never a good; and yet altogether do well."

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

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

5. "There are people who can do all fine and heroic things but one! keep from telling their happinesses to the unhappy."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

6. "All men can see the tactics whereby I conquer, but what none can see is the strategy out of which victory is evolved."

— Sun Tzu, 1910, *The Art of War* (Lionel Giles translation, 1910)

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