

Action Cryptograms — Set 40

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: N = E

Medium · 94 letters

N C N L D Z T X F T O M E P B T

T M P Q L M S U E B N T E N F M U

R B C B T N R K D P Y N

G L N U N T P B J N T P X O

U X J N K X R D, K N O X L N B P

F M U M E P Q M S S D

C N L B O B N 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

2. Clue: R = E

Easy · 94 letters

L R A R A I R L G J Q O , - G J V G

G J R L R Q O V M L E M R L

W Q H Y Q G P V Y W

M L E M E L G Q E Y G E I R

E I O R L S R W Q Y G J R

M R L U E L A V Y B R E U R S R L P

V B G E U D Q U 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

3. Clue: Y = A

Medium · 95 letters

X A Q N E Z R B F A I

I C B C P Y Q Z A R ,

G Y S Z Q Y U Z F Q Z G Y R B

U Y X A P , G Y R B A D H G N

T A A B , Y R B Y F Y

R C G C F F Y P W G A P A U U Y P W

Q N C W G Y R X A Q N B A C J Z 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

4. Clue: R = I

Hard · 95 letters

R J L G O B R N R S L G O F

J F R C Y I , D K L Y C C I L G O

Z M G A G X R E C J G F Y G S

K Z B R Y X B R N R S C I K R P ,

Z Y I D Z N S C K R N S R P C

Z Y I I C J Z W C L G O F G D Y

Z W 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

5. Clue: L = E

Medium · 95 letters

F H A M W M D L S L C Y L C Y B

C Y A M G O M D D J C A D L S L

X M M W A M W M , Q J C I L U Y

J C W V L L O Q J N S Q J L Y ,

C O W I M M S T L O ' Y

Q M A A C X L Y I S F O Q L Y '

I C U C Q L 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

6. Clue: K = O

Medium · 95 letters

S A O F K R S Y O L W O L J N O

M L C Z K G C K H Q Z C K H P K

S L B O L S A Q O Z , Q R S K

N O S A Q F R A K M A Q F R O N Z

M A L S A O Q R L V P R S O L N

K H S K Z C K H G W K F Y L V C .

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 wordsOF 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. "Every known fact in natural science was divined by the presentiment of somebody, before it was actually verified."

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

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

2. "Remember this, - that there is a proper dignity and proportion to be observed in the performance of every act of life."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, IV. 32 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Both kinds of federation, capitalistic and labor, can do much good, and as a necessary corollary they can both do evil."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1902, *Second Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "If you visit your friend, why need you apologize for not having visited him, and waste his time and deface your own act?"

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

5. "If to do were as easy as to know what were good to do, chapels had been churches, and poor men's cottages princes' palaces."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The most peaceable way for you if you do take a thief, is to let him show himself what he is and steal out of your company."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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