

Action Cryptograms — Set 42

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: T = O

Medium · 99 letters

U X T M T O T S N M Q S

O R N O Y Q O R O T T M N

J R T U A M T O N W I N Y

O T I N O F M T J P N X I N ,

M T Y R N P S T Q O W M C

T M N J R T U A M T O

W M B U T Q A O T

N B S P W U M R U G A N P H .

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

Medium · 99 letters

X C R H R Z Y L Q S C N

C R Z A R Q Z Q J R Z H X C

Z H R Z M G R X L

R Q J B H R Z Q J

K L Q X E Q B R X C B Y

G L Q V E Y M R K Z B Y R

X C R N J L Q L X G E A R

L P , L H P L H ,

X C R D Y R G A R 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

3. Clue: D = E

Medium · 99 letters

Z D V D N A C D K O B E N L

V P K Y D G N K D E V R

K N J C A G P K

H K N X N B D J D G P K

H P Z D K G A C E A Z D Y P

V P A T K D D B R

O P V O D Y D A P D X D K R

E L D K N O E V

K D H S I B N O .

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: D = E

Medium · 99 letters

R U D Q X K L T C X X ,

Z U C I U C F F K C V R J

U K P D K A A J E A I D V

R U D R O K H D V L J B

U K N X D R , R U D

I U K O K I R D O J B R U D

Q O C A I D J B V D A N K O W

T D C A H X D B R J E 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: N = E

Easy · 100 letters

H V N S D V O G N

E Z N W N S L N R Q S N

M Q Z S N Z Q T O

W I U Y N M L L Q O S B

Q S N , O S R V N M O S S Q L

T Z Q P D L X N O Z S L V N

Q L V N Z L V Z N N , D R Q

S Q L Z N E N O L P B

X N W W Q 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

6. Clue: P = E

Medium · 100 letters

E X P T P N L E X

O W B B V E V D I U P D I N P

Q W E X X D K C E T W R P

L G D O E C W Y K P D T

Q P G P R W I P G O P D G K

I W R P : Q T W E X P T C L G

H P D O P , G W E T L R D I C

L G O W B B D G K .

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. "I do not open up the truth to one who is not eager to get knowledge, nor help out any one who is not anxious to explain himself."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

2. "The reason why heaven and earth are able to endure and continue thus long is because they do not live of, or for, themselves."

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

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

3. "We neither claim nor desire any rights or privileges or powers that we do not freely concede to every American Republic."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1906, *Sixth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "The playbill, which is said to have announced the tragedy of Hamlet, the character of the Prince of Denmark being left out."

— Sir Walter Scott, 1825, *The Talisman*, Introduction (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "When I have presented one corner of a subject to any one, and he cannot from it learn the other three, I do not repeat my lesson."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

6. "There with commutual zeal we both had strove in acts of dear benevolence and love:
Brothers in peace, not rivals in command."

— Alexander Pope, 1726, *The Odyssey of Homer (Pope's translation)*, Book IV. Line 241 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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