

Action Cryptograms — Set 48

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: J = E

Hard · 113 letters

Y O J L W T C W T C J J C ,

X P Y O Z O J T W Y

J G J S U W H J H

U I R Y W P T I T C Z O J T

W Y W H J L N D P A J C

I X P R Y W T K R W S A ,

L P E J H H Y S I W B O Y

P T Z I S C T P Y Y O J

D J H H , I T C Y P W Y H

P X V J U 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 = A

Easy · 113 letters

S U D Q A K X O Y V C L D

L F A X A L X H R V H Y R K X

V S V X L D Q V X I

V F F K V Q K O A X H R V H

B R V Q V B H K Q [V C V X

V T H R L Q], R K

O K C K Q J K O H L R V J K

R A C S K Q A H C

R V X O C L S K G U

V G G L Y K 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

3. Clue: J = E

Hard · 114 letters

G P H D S H D Y J

H S I N - N P I J H ,

Y J S R J N Z I J P R Z I

S I Z D Y J L , Y A N J

J S W Y D Y J E A L H D , H Z

A I V A E J D Y J

E Z L Q J L N J J N H S L J

X P A W C V M Y A N N J I T M

D Y Z H J D Y S D E Z V V Z O

S E D J L .

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

Easy · 114 letters

W B W M E M F T E D B I

N F A Q F W Y F B Z W M ,

B I I , W R R F J W O B F D L

P Z F V B Z F I Q Q O M W I V

O A W M F M , P Z O B

Y W A B E F V O B E A F Z O M

U W Y F V B I R O V B I

I N N I M F B I F Y F A L

P A I V U T E D O Q 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

5. Clue: U = T

Medium · 115 letters

U Y K N K J H A X P Y C

U Y K J X L E K X U H Z E Z

X A U N K J Z E B C O E I K

S U U K N J X L K U A

U Y K E N P A N Z H , P J H

U Y J U U Y K C G K J N K Z

B K H U U Y K E N

J L U E A X H H Y A S B Z

X A U L A Q K S W U A

U Y K Q .

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: X = O

Easy · 117 letters

S U B N E M U B G J U

X O T U J W U X W F U ' M

N W W J X Q N F , L P S U C X

J L Y T O N E C O J K

T N J C ; R G O X G J X S E

L M S X J O T N

T G E C J U C X P L O , N E C

E X S N K T N M R U U E

P X G E C X G O X P

M U B G J L E Y O T 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

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. "The mind indeed, both when it exercises caution and when it is employed about inquiry, moves straight onward not the less, and to its object."

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

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

2. "My friend was of opinion that when a man of rank appeared in that character [as an author], he deserved to have his merits handsomely allowed."

— *Samuel Johnson, 1791, Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. VIII. Chap. III. 1781 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Just as the sand-dunes, heaped one upon another, hide each the first, so in life the former deeds are quickly hidden by those that follow after."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, VII. 34 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "It is useful to perceive this, too, immediately when the occasion arises, what virtue nature has given to man to oppose to every wrongful act."

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

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

5. "The reason why the ancients did not readily give utterance to their words, was that they feared lest their actions should not come up to them."

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

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

6. "We can secure other people's approval, if we do right and try hard; but our own is worth a hundred of it, and no way has been found out of securing that."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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