

Action Cryptograms — Set 51

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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: B = O

Medium · 122 letters

B R U O I Z M X Z

Z M O R Q I K B R B Z

Z B Y V M Z M U I B Y P ,

H B C Z M U F X C U

U E Z U C R X P X R K

C U W X O R O W W B J X N P U ;

N Y Z B Y C

T U C Z Y C N X Z O B R I

V B W U B R P F H C B W

Z M U B T O R O B R L M O V M

O I L O Z M O 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: U = E

Easy · 122 letters

N A L M V P Q G V D E D

M P V D I E D E M U U V B

Q A B F U P D E N V A B ; M X N

B A D A A B U P Z A U D G U

N E I U E Y U B V B G V D

G E B Z N G E B V N

M U Q A L U D E N A P Y U Z A

N A G V L , E B Z

M U B X L M D E C C G V D

W E Q X C N V U D .

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: W = E

Medium · 125 letters

W B W G K J I L J T N A D W

Q T I G I L A W W Z S X N

P X D W G A K I L Z S X N

G X Q S A A E Z E I N S W

P X F W N M X A S S X N

R G E R W G A K E G S X N

P I D E G , N E P E L Q I N

S W Z E W N L E A

X L C G X L Q W A S W

G X Q S A N E C E A S W G 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: Q = E

Easy · 127 letters

M E O Q F Q H M E R M

M F Q L I L M N G D V Q

Q W Q H S N M Q E G M B S V

J E K Q H R O Q R D L C

S E R D H E C P E B C Z Z E

L P L T P N D V D V Q

G H Q Q Z E O E G

N R Z N K N Z B L C

N R N D N L D N K Q L R Z

Z P L H G N R Z N K N Z B L C

Q G G E H D .

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: X = T

Medium · 127 letters

I J H X Q D T M F X L H U

X Z Q L H X Q N H F M

Y L X C F X L J H F Y P Q M M

F Y X Z Q Q S X Q N H F M

N Q M F X L J H Y J K X Z Q

C H L X Q B Y X F X Q Y, P Q

B L Y I J W Q N Q O C F M

I F C Y Q K J N

I J H X Q H X D Q H X F H B

Y F X L Y K F I X L J 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

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. "One is that things do not touch the soul, for they are external and remain immovable; but our perturbations come only from the opinion which is within."

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

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

2. "Tom Birch is as brisk as a bee in conversation; but no sooner does he take a pen in his hand than it becomes a torpedo to him, and benumbs all his faculties."

— *Samuel Johnson, 1791, Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. I. Chap. VII. 1743 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Every man must be guaranteed his liberty and his right to do as he likes with his property or his labor, so long as he does not infringe the rights of others."

— *Theodore Roosevelt, 1903, Third Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "Some persons speak as if the exercise of such governmental control would do away with the freedom of individual initiative and dwarf individual effort."

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

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

5. "Contemplating the internal situation as well as the external relations of the United States, we discover equal cause for contentment and satisfaction."

— *George Washington, 1795, Seventh Annual Message to Congress*

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