

Action Cryptograms — Set 53

5 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: V = E

Medium · 133 letters

R M V B V X L V S R Z N O N L

K N X E I S M E X E S R V X

S N O H Z H R H Z O R M Z H , Z O

B E H H Z O T V A V X G W E G E H

R M V I E H R , E O W Z O F V Z O T

O V Z R M V X A Z N I V O R I G

V J S Z R V W O N X R N X B Z W

O N X B I E G Z O T R M V

M G B N S X Z R V .

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: C = T

Easy · 135 letters

J H F G C V W U U J W E M W F

G R M F Z O M H C J G F, S N M F

J C J H W Q Q M E M L, I U G V

C N M K M E J F F J F E G I C N M

S G U Q L, C N W C H O P N W H

W U M J F C N M

J F H C J C O C J G F S J H N C G

E M C G O C, W F L H O P N W H

W U M G O C S J H N C G E M C

J F ?

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: G = E

Easy · 136 letters

N G F N G S O O F J Z O Z V G

E G A G V P O S F A I O F R G G L

P X S B G O Y G A F H X G P A K

H G P Z O S J Z X D V G P O Z V G I

N Y S D Y H T O Y G S V

L V G I G A D G P K K I Z D Y

K S I O S A D O S B G

D Y P V P D O G V O F O Y G

P W G V S D P A N S X K G V A G I I .

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: A = E

Easy · 136 letters

C S A Q C C A U A R V I U C F X I

 O I D ' Y Z L X A , Z A C Q Y

 I Z J I N Y U A V A I C , H A I U Y

 C F C S A Q D Q C C A U A R ,

 Q D B F D Y B L F Q Y V I U C I

 Y O I Z Z Q D E D F J D

 V U F V F U C L F D . S A

 S L O Y A Z X D A P A U E D F J Y

 L C , O Q B S Z A Y Y R F

 F C S A 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

5. Clue: Z = T

Hard · 139 letters

Z I P J V C P Z R A C E B C P B J

Z I B J , Z A P D V W B U P

P N P Q R Z I B U F V E E

Z I Q A H F I , M I V Z B Z B J

B Z J P E C , Z I V Z B J B Z J

W V Z P Q B V E , M I V Z Z I P

C A Q W V E K V Q Z ; M B Z I V E E

Z I R J A H E Z A Y A

X H J Z B O P V U Y Z A J V R

Z I P Z Q H Z I .

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 perfection of moral character consists in this, in passing every day as the last, and in being neither violently excited nor torpid nor playing the hypocrite."

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

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

2. "Is not marriage an open question, when it is alleged, from the beginning of the world, that such as are in the institution wish to get out, and such as are out wish to get in?"

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1850, Representative Men, Montaigne (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "We owe it to future generations to keep alive the noble and beautiful creatures which by their presence add such distinctive character to the American wilderness."

— *Theodore Roosevelt, 1904, Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "The uttered part of a man's life, let us always repeat, bears to the unuttered, unconscious part a small unknown proportion. He himself never knows it, much less do others."

— *Thomas Carlyle, 1838, Sir Walter Scott. London and Westminster Review, 1838 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "The safety of life is this, to examine everything all through, what it is itself, that is its material, what the formal part; with all thy soul to do justice and to say the truth."

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

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