

Aesop Cryptograms — Set 1

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: N = T

Medium · 40 letters

J N J P Z J P Y N L N Q W M

H J W H Q D P N G M H Y P N L

K L L F G H H L Q M 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

2. Clue: N = O

Medium · 40 letters

R N U N W O H U Z

E H W O N S W I G P Z I G R

W N W O P

K N U A P M S P U K P A .

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 = T

Hard · 40 letters

Y C I Z F A C X B I A Y, F P

Y C I K L E Y

C X B I A Y H K, N I Y B X

E Q I Z F 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

4. Clue: M = T

Expert · 40 letters

G C J M L D S K D M

M N E O B Z J O E J R O F L D

K Y M F P E P H F N N J M F 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

5. Clue: H = E

Medium · 40 letters

E O Z K S G A D A S R C

B Z H H S E H B R G H

H R B A C O B H H F

D E G K T U E .

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: B = O

Medium · 40 letters

Z B I B N M Y P I O

F T C C W N B X F O I S Y

B I Y Y J P D K B C

O I B N F Y 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 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. "It is wise to turn circumstances to good account."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

2. "Do nothing without a regard to the consequences."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

3. "The dishonest, if they act honestly, get no credit."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

4. "What is most truly valuable is often underrated."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

5. "Hypocritical speeches are easily seen through."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

6. "Do not be in a hurry to change one evil for another."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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