

Aesop Cryptograms — Set 4

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: P = E

Hard · 47 letters

X J P B P W I K Z

E P Y W P D W K S O Y W O B ,

P D P K N J P K J P

I R P O C I X J P X B G X J .

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: B = E

Medium · 47 letters

O L I B E B W W

M C B M Z C B P Y L C E Z C

D R O T B I B R O

N X Z C Z Q O B B L Y

M B Z U 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

3. Clue: F = H

Hard · 48 letters

F W G G L E O P F U H W M

T F Z D U W X M O Y X Z H

P F U H E O Y Z X P B M U O

Z Y Z P F U X 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: T = E

Expert · 48 letters

O C T U F P O T B T B

F S O T R Y U L D T M

A T U L E F R C P M D F B T

L V O P K T S B P T R 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

5. Clue: H = E

Expert · 49 letters

G M S E Q I I H P G M F
Q A N E Y Y J H V J Q O N Z
Z H N X Y H M P N V H Y J H
V E A V Y Q M R 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

6. Clue: U = E

Expert · 50 letters

L R Z C O P U W V P U W K A

A K M U M C V Y U O X K P

A R U X V I C A T K X

A R U Z P G V P U W A T .

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. "There is no believing a liar, even when he speaks the truth."

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

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

2. "To be well prepared for war is the best guarantee of peace."

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

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

3. "Happy is the man who learns from the misfortunes of others."

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

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

4. "The loiterer often blames delay on his more active friend."

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

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

5. "In quarreling about the shadow we often lose the substance."

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

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

6. "Children are not to be blamed for the faults of their parents."

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

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