

Aesop Cryptograms — Set 8

5 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: X = E

Hard · 70 letters

Z H T X T X O D E X H U

T H E X L H O Z X R J X O L X

Y O P Q X Y E H K O X S X Z

P Q D O Y O P Q X X S X Z

H U P Q X Y E

O X Y I Q F H E Z .

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: X = E

Expert · 74 letters

T R M X I G T R D W S X

B T U N X C, X F L X U W R K

I X B P I C, P R C Z X

W S P R N A Y Q T A J K Y

X M U P L X T R H Y I J A K I

J K Y I L P T R M.

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: B = E

Easy · 76 letters

U O Q I B D O Q V I I H K B
V P O V M V P U B M D O C P O
J Q B I F Q U S B X Q F Z
U Q U O B K , Q F X N K V A B
U O B K I B X L B I
M C J C P H X Q H 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: M = E

Medium · 77 letters

N F M H M Y A L K N M G

Z M D M G U M

N F M I E M R D M E L G

N F L E M H F L W E M

N F M I J R R , M D M G

N F L W U F N F M Q V M

I L Z M T L H M Z K W 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

5. Clue: W = E

Easy · 81 letters

V Q X B Q Q W L T S V Q Q S W

V A Q K Z T W E K Z B L W

V G A W L V Z L Q Z O T V G

X W L V Q T K Z O S R M W

S V P W O T V G

Z O Q T V R W

B I I W B L B G D W 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. "Some men are of more consequence in their own eyes than in the eyes of their neighbors."

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

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

2. "In serving the wicked, expect no reward, and be thankful if you escape injury for your pains."

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

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

3. "Those who assume a character which does not belong to them, only make themselves ridiculous."

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

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

4. "The weak often revenge themselves on those who use them ill, even though they be more powerful."

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

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

5. "It matters little if those who are inferior to us in merit should be like us in outside appearances."

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

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