

Character Cryptograms — Set 3

6 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: F = E

Medium · 43 letters

S D D D G M F X S M B X F

J X G M F O M E F I E S X S I M F X

N U M E F J G O F K S 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: K = E

Expert · 43 letters

N J K W Z X C K Z N D X W U U K E

T K W B N M N J K Q U Y G K O C Z H

Y Q A C O N B K .

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: M = E

Medium · 43 letters

B X S R V B K T X B M M O T

I M H X I W V B K L T X S R M I

D M X D J M ' T R L C V S 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

4. Clue: Z = E

Expert · 44 letters

Q T W A N W E T Z H V W Z P Q H E

K W Z I T Z B E R X M T E A N U Z H

Y N H S T N H Z 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: V = E

Medium · 45 letters

D Q Z Y N J A D K F K A X V F Q Z

X D V K F S Q X V F Y E V M V F O

Y J V ' Z E Y F X R J 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

6. Clue: T = A

Hard · 45 letters

T V U F V N Y E A T V H Y V F E

E U N L F Q Y N P N J T I Y N T

B F R P T Q Z Y T E U H 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

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 wordsOF 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. "All literature writes the character of the wise man."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

2. "The ancients called beauty the flowering of virtue."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

3. "Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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

4. "Our virtues are most frequently but vices disguised."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, *Maximes*, 19 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "His own character is the arbiter of every one's fortune."

— Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, *Sententiae (Maxims)*, 283 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "An honest man is not the worse because a dog barks at him."

— Danish proverb, 1857, *Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

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