

Character Cryptograms — Set 7

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: Y = E

Expert · 55 letters

B A U X X W U K L H B M Y X X

 E Z O B Z Y I K Y H L A Y B A U T

 O Y U N W H W Y I L P V L H T G R

 N O L A Y 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

2. Clue: G = E

Medium · 56 letters

P Q G U L W G T F L H B U C W

 R Z H P F G L H G Q L P G W F N P C

 P Q C U G X Z P Q G R Z N

 Z E P G E P Z C E U .

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: U = O

Medium · 56 letters

D O E U T H J Z E U T K W U R

J W H V H J Z M V ; D O E U T K D Z

K Z D C C , D O E U T K C M M G ,

E U T K W U R D 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

4. Clue: X = E

Medium · 56 letters

B V Y E X S B B W U C T C S B B W

Q R X W S X , C T W B V Y E X L C W

T X Z Y E X H Q R X W S X T B H

D P H X Y 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

5. Clue: Y = E

Medium · 56 letters

H Y G C Y H V G L H Y

C Y Z Y G L Y K I A K U .

Y T S Y I I Y J S Y , L V Y J , E M

J U L G J G S L , D W L G

V G D E L .

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: N = T

Hard · 57 letters

B I R M H N D A N N W U N A

B W Y N I N S I V Q B H A K Q D U

A D I T Y W N M I , V A A F Y D O

Q N N S Q N A D V U .

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. "Small habits well pursued betimes may reach the dignity of crimes."

— *Hannah More, 1786, Florio, Part I (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "The safeguards of virtue are hateful to those with evil intentions."

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

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

3. "If you act you show character; if you sit still, if you sleep, you show it."

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

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

4. "Of the good man a good pledge, and of the bad neither pledge nor surety."

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

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

5. "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

— *Will Durant (Will Durant, summarising Aristotle. Often quoted as Aristotle's own words; it is not.), 1926, The Story of Philosophy*

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

6. "We must not try to write the laws of any one virtue, looking at that only."

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

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