

Character Cryptograms — Set 12

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: M = E

Hard · 70 letters

U M B J N U J Z F

I M B J K B M C Q W I F A M

E G Q M Z J U M F W U M Z V X

F I G B Z O I M Z Z W B O

U J Z F F I A T X D M Y F

F E M T G 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

2. Clue: O = E

Medium · 70 letters

R X B F U Q E O F R T R

I O O E S Q B U X U D O

F Y T N F I T U F X I T R

R X M F O U P F R

Z D X B O R X Y O S X V U D O

M D T V T M U O 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

3. Clue: U = N

Easy · 70 letters

A B A O D U V U J V U

K D B V U J T O V K D

J I I P A D U, V K Z I

T D C O B I H

H U P O M K Z D U P A O

Z T D Z T O V K

K H Y Y V F V O U 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: P = N

Hard · 71 letters

N V R C I J R X L P J X L P

S C A S N P V K S P S R L K

Z S I L J L S P, N V R C I J

O V M V P O S C A S N P

P X J L S P X Q

L P J V Y A L J G .

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: C = E

Medium · 73 letters

H F H G Q D V G D Q C V

D W Z A N V C I N W C G F

F N F C S S W N F I H W R

F I D W F N X C G H S C W F

L I C W L C I D T C

X C R P W F N F C S S .

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: S = E

Easy · 73 letters

I P I O S Q D Q P H V D

L Q H S D V P S S ; R V F T C

Q P S S I L I H V M

W S I T D I T S H D I H C

U Q W D F S , D X I D

Z V F T C P I D Q P M J L S .

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

Answer key

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1. "Men of most renowned virtue have sometimes by transgressing most truly kept the law."

— John Milton, 1645, *Tetrachordon* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character."

— James Russell Lowell, 1870, *Among My Books, First Series. Dryden* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "My meaning in saying he is a good man, is to have you understand me that he is sufficient."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice, Act I. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "We must maintain our own economic position, we must defend our own national integrity."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1924, *State of the Union Address*

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

5. "It is far safer and more honest to tell nothing than to be silent when we have begun to tell."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, *Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims* (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)

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

6. "A sage it is not mine to see; could I see a man of real talent and virtue, that would satisfy me."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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