

Character Cryptograms — Set 17

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: A = O

Easy · 104 letters

B A B S I U N

X F I P - O A T F N E L F E J

S I J V L U J F I K L S X J

N F X J S B A E H A L L A E

M U D V J X A P J M A S O M J

U E Y S B A E U

N F U X A E U D I K

Y F T F I A B F Y B S D I V H

A B V E V A E .

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: L = O

Easy · 104 letters

V L H W L I Q K L E

P A Q A F M, V L H W L I Q K

L E I F S O Q K, P S V

Y S R F Z T E L W S V N

O L M M A V F A Q K F W

Q K F V Z Y X F W L W Q K F

P K S W S P Q F W L E Q K F

E S W Y A V H

T L T Z O S Q A L 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: W = E

Medium · 107 letters

K Y Y T B U W S F X W F C , -

V F J W W J , W U W S I

R A X K F Q W F W P V C K F J

W F L B I X W F C , W U W S I

U V S C A W K F J W U W S I

N S A J W F C K M C , - V Z

P B A F J W J B F

M B X N S B X V Z W K F J

Q K S C W 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

4. Clue: F = S

Medium · 107 letters

O V P D T Q O I P T Z

U W F O Q P X I P F O T F

J W Z H W Q U T O K .

F P A H - Q P A T L Z J P T F

T O F L D P Q F T W Z . T O

A W D P F Z W O

Q P L A T O T P F L Z B

J Q P L O W Q F , N I O

Z L U P F L Z B

J I F O W U F .

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: F = E

Easy · 108 letters

X C F X B P M L T P D X H S X

F Q F L F S X J P A L P D H Q

V C H D H V X F D M S H

K Y N I F H D F H S

F H D S F J X N F J M D F X P

D F H V C H K Y J X

V P S V Q Y J M P S H S N

V P Y D H I F X P

F S A P D V F M X .

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: Q = T

Easy · 108 letters

L M C Y I L V O O V D I J Q

Q G M G V D F Q R I W Q G M

V Y Q, L M C Y I L V O O

V D I J Q Q G M G V D F Q R

I W Q G M D M M, D J Q L M

C Y I L Y I Q G F Y N V Q

V O O V D I J Q Q G M

G V D F Q R I W Q G M

I P R Q M 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

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. "Popular self-government ultimately must rest upon common habits of thought and upon a reasonably developed public opinion."

— William Howard Taft, 1912, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

2. "No growth of cities, no growth of wealth, can make up for any loss in either the number or the character of the farming population."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1907, *Seventh Annual Message to Congress*

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

3. "All government, - indeed, every human benefit and enjoyment, every virtue and every prudent act, - is founded on compromise and barter."

— Edmund Burke, 1775, *Speech on Conciliation with America, Speech on the Conciliation of America. Vol. II. p. 169 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "The virtue in most request is conformity. Self-reliance is its aversion. It loves not realities and creators, but names and customs."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series, Self-Reliance (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "The two important elements of moral character in a judge are an earnest desire to reach a just conclusion and courage to enforce it."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1906, *Sixth Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "We know all about the habits of the ant, we know all about the habits of the bee, but we know nothing at all about the habits of the oyster."

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

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