

Character Cryptograms — Set 18

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 = E

Easy · 109 letters

B N T A I H A F K A J D D C

P T B O M P T J P P T A K A

B F O H I B F P B O S P B H O

R A P Z A A O G B K P W A

J O I G B S A , Z T C , F B K ,

Z T A O T A D A J G A F

H W K T H W F A F D A P W F

S H W O P H W K F Q H H O 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

2. Clue: Z = I

Easy · 110 letters

P G F O Z N N E Z Y S

T Y X N Z Y X I G L B

N Z M B I U B W Z H I F B

G E U F J Z N Z I P ,

O U Z K U U T Q T

K T N J Y B Q Q G E

Q C Z H Z I T Y S T

O G H N S G E G I U B H

L N B Q Q Z Y X Q

T I I B Y S Z Y X F C G Y

Z 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

3. Clue: C = E

Easy · 110 letters

B D C [T L U F Y C]

U C R Y L U C B H U G Y S D

H J X B F G U W N

Z H B B H S C ; B D C O L P P

D H T C C L F D C U

G Y F O H U X

X L I I L V Y P F L C B F G

O U C B F P C O L F D , . .

G U L J F C U J H P

X L I I L V Y P F L C 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

4. Clue: R = E

Medium · 110 letters

J R V X Z R X B B R U K R P

X K H S I K K V R

Q S G Q O G G E R F K Y Q

J V O B V B X G G I Q Y H

K V R I K R H F R I K

O F K R N H O K C Y Q

U S H U Y I R X F P K V R

R A R H B O I R Y Q K V R

V O N V R I K J O I P Y 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

5. Clue: W = A

Easy · 113 letters

X U T P G J E O L W F B T

B V G E G B E D Q W D L Q J E

W X W E B T P W E Y

W V V J W P J O G E D Q W D

I Q W P W I D J P [W F W E

W N D Q B P], Q J

O J F J P C J O D B Q W C J

Q G F X J P G D F

Q W E O F B X J R U

W R R B L J O .

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 = E

Easy · 114 letters

J W J M A M T H A E W K

G T P Z T J F T W Y J M ,

W K K , J Q Q T X J B W T E L

I Y T R W Y T K Z Z B M J K R

B P J M T M , I Y B W

F J P W A T R B W A P T Y B M

N J F T R W K Q B R W K

K G G K M T W K T F T P L

I P K R N H A E B Z W .

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. "If he does really think that there is no distinction between virtue and vice, why, sir, when he leaves our houses let us count our spoons."
— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. II. Chap. V. 1763* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)
Cipher key: A=E B=I C=Y D=L E=Q F=S G=V H=O I=D J=A K=R L=X M=K N=F O=N P=T Q=P R=B S=C T=H
U=G V=Z W=U X=J Y=M Z=W
2. "You will find angling to be like the virtue of humility, which has a calmness of spirit and a world of other blessings attending upon it."
— Izaak Walton, 1653, *The Complete Angler, Part I. Chap. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)
Cipher key: A=X B=E C=P D=Z E=F F=U G=O H=R I=T J=M K=C L=B M=K N=L O=W P=Y Q=S R=Q S=D T=A
U=H V=J W=V X=G Y=N Z=I
3. "She [virtue] requires a rough and stormy passage; she will have either outward difficulties to wrestle with, . . . or internal difficulties."
— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays, Book II, Chap. XI. Of Cruelty* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)
Cipher key: A=K B=S C=E D=H E=X F=T G=O H=A I=F J=N K=Z L=I M=J N=Y O=W P=L Q=B R=Q S=G T=V
U=R V=C W=M X=D Y=U Z=P
4. "We have accepted a trust the fulfillment of which calls for the sternest integrity of purpose and the exercise of the highest wisdom."
— William McKinley, 1899, *Third Annual Message to Congress*
Cipher key: A=X B=C C=Y D=J E=M F=N G=L H=R I=S J=W K=T L=Z M=Q N=G O=I P=D Q=F R=E S=U T=K
U=P V=H W=B X=A Y=O Z=V
5. "My friend was of opinion that when a man of rank appeared in that character [as an author], he deserved to have his merits handsomely allowed."
— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. VIII. Chap. III. 1781* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)
Cipher key: A=Z B=O C=V D=T E=N F=S G=I H=Q I=C J=E K=X L=W M=G N=U O=D P=R Q=H R=L S=B T=F
U=Y V=P W=A X=M Y=K Z=J

6. "It is useful to perceive this, too, immediately when the occasion arises, what virtue nature has given to man to oppose to every wrongful act."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

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