

Character Cryptograms — Set 20

5 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: O = T

Medium · 119 letters

O U Q L E Y N B Q O E H W H P

O U Q P E B Y O M Q J B Y

K Q N H G Q Y O U Q

Y Q O O A Q L U J K E O H P

O U Q A J Y O ; J W L Y H ,

Z E O U Z E Y L H G J W L

X J O E Q W N Q , O Z H

A E D Q Y G J M C B H Z

E W L E Y Y H A S K A M

E W O H H W Q .

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: U = E

Easy · 120 letters

Q J F K P Y U D P F B R X U

U S R D M J D Y P F M D E

Q X M D M Q R U D J L R X U

R P Z U K P F N X P Q X N U

V P W U, J G D

M R R U F R P J F K X J G V Y

G F D U Z P R R P F B V E O U

L P S U Y J F R X U

K M L U R E J L J G D

Q J G F R D 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

3. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 120 letters

Z N W Z Z I D K H J T D B

F V Z S T F K E M ; T K I

U Z M J T D B D K M V T M

F V Z K Z P Z B F M R I D Z I

M E Q Z J T D B Z B M V T K

K T M R B Z O T I Z V Z B ;

Q Z T R M U W E F M V Z B

K E M V D K H , V Z B

P D B M R Z F S Z B Z F E

B T B 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: R = E

Easy · 121 letters

E U E T R Y R C F V R Q

T W C Z O P P V E F

O R Z Z R Y Z W C M C

L W R C K O P P V, E

F W P J A Q C M F T R Y

Z W C Z Z W R Y R E F P M R

O P P V O R Z Z R Y Z W C M

C L W R C K O P P V, - C M Q

Z W C Z E F C O P P V

W P M R F Z A N L P H R O N.

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: Z = E

Medium · 126 letters

L Z D E Z S N G D J K I D R Z

 D O L D Q K Y Z O N Z R Z A

 N J T S Z Z A F E F T

 F V V F S U B J N U Q , D J A

 Z H B D O N U Q F T

 F V V F S U B J N U Q

 S Z E D N J K F J Z F T

 U I Z V S N J G N V D O

 F Y W Z G U N R Z K F T F B S

 J D U N F J D O O N T 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. "The discretion of the first years becomes the settled habit of the last; and so, with wisdom and patience, two lives may grow indissolubly into one."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

2. "Considering the extraordinary character of the times in which we live, our attention should unremittingly be fixed on the safety of our country."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1808, *Eighth Annual Message to Congress*

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

3. "Exceeding fair she was not; and yet fair in that she never studied to be fairer than Nature made her; beauty cost her nothing, Her virtues were so rare."

— George Chapman, 1605, *All Fools, Act I. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "If I were asked what book is better than a cheap book, I should answer that there is one book better than a cheap book, - and that is a book honestly come by."

— James Russell Lowell, 1886, *Before the U. S. Senate Committee on Patents, Jan. 29, 1886* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "We Americans have always believed in freedom of opportunity, and equality of opportunity remains one of the principal objectives of our national life."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1945, *State of the Union Address*

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