

Character Cryptograms — Set 21

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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: W = E

Medium · 127 letters

M U L P S Z Z B S V G U A

G Q W G V U D T Z W G Q S G

I W Q S F W H U P W L

A V U P H S V V C O M K G U

S M W R G V W P W G Q W

M S G O U M S Z F O V G D W

U A L W Z A - V W Z O S M H W ,

U A O M E W B W M E W M H W

O M O M O G O S G O F W S M E

S H G O U M .

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: J = T

Easy · 130 letters

P U F K J J K Q H P E O

W K Q Z E W H K B T E F J S

S J Z K Q O K U, L T J J Z K

M Z E Q E M J K Q S Y J Z K

H T W K Q P S Q O E U,

M E Q Q I P U V S T J P U

Z P H M S U N T M J X Z E J

Z K W Q S Y K H H K H, P H

X Z E J P Z E D K U S J

I K J E J J E P U K N J 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

3. Clue: H = E

Medium · 133 letters

Y X H C H K A H M Y B R V R A

L R K D G M X D K D M Y H K

M R V Z B Z Y Z B V Y X B Z ,

B V C D Z Z B V J H F H K Q

W D Q D Z Y X H G D Z Y ,

D V W B V N H B V J

V H B Y X H K

F B R G H V Y G Q

H T M B Y H W V R K

Y R K C B W V R K

C G D Q B V J Y X H

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

Easy · 136 letters

K X L K X Q S S L

M A S A F X

E X R X F O S Q L R N S L

Z X X B O P Q Y X S V X

R L G P X O R W

G X O A S Q M A P

J F X O S A F X N K V Q J V

G U S V X Q F B F X N X R J X

O W W N A J V

W Q N S Q R J S Q Y 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

5. Clue: A = N

Medium · 140 letters

I R M R T D D K A M Q Q T A L

B A R T D D K A M Q Q F X

I R M J T I K F A T U,

Q F E K T U T A K O T U

L M D M A L Q A F I F A

P R T I R M X M M U Q Z B I

F A P R T I R M L F M Q;

W B Q I T Q R K Q

H K J I B M T A L H K E M

E F A Q K Q I A F I K A

X M M U K A S Z B I K A

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. "No small part of the trouble that we have comes from carrying to an extreme the national virtue of self-reliance, of independence in initiative and action."

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

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

2. "In letters I am perhaps equal to other men, but the character of the superior man, carrying out in his conduct what he professes, is what I have not yet attained to."

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

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

3. "The perfection of moral character consists in this, in passing every day as the last, and in being neither violently excited nor torpid nor playing the hypocrite."

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

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

4. "We owe it to future generations to keep alive the noble and beautiful creatures which by their presence add such distinctive character to the American wilderness."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1904, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "The happiness and unhappiness of the rational, social animal depends not on what he feels but on what he does; just as his virtue and vice consist not in feeling but in doing."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, IX. 16 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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