

Courage Cryptograms — Set 12

5 puzzles · Standard 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: Z = E

Easy · 100 letters

W U Z H Z K F L V E Z W W Z H

 E D A A D F W I V H G Z Z N K L S

 W U Z Q K L B F W Z D B X V L

 K W F G Z Z A , D L B F D P K L S

 K W I H V Q D A A H K F G V I

 O H D L G K L Z F F , W U D L

 E J F K L Z F 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: L = E

Medium · 101 letters

T U S K I H N K L G J K E L H L B

B U S G Z Q W G N S D L G J T S L L

T S U O K E L

Q H E L S Q K N H Y L W U T T L N S

N H Z Z Q W K S I W K B E Q Y E

E N F L W U K S U I R G L Z K E L

U G Z B U S G 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

3. Clue: V = E

Easy · 108 letters

P E V P Q I D K A I H P B T P

V N V K V T P O I C K I H B N

Z E B H B Z P V H D T B M Y G X V

B H V B T V B H T V O P G V O D H V

P I H V B Z E B M Y O P

Z I T Z N Y O D I T B T G

Z I Y H B X V P I V T C I H Z V

D P .

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: H = T

Medium · 115 letters

H N T F T O M D L Z N K H N T

O L R G T L H M S G S L D H

F T O S G Q K V G J T

C H H T F O L R T H D H N T G F

Z D F S M, Z O M H N O H H N T K

W T O F T S Q T M H H N T G F

O R H G D L M M N D C Q S L D H

R D X T C U H D H N T 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: Q = A

Medium · 115 letters

G Z M P B A R U H I F Q L Y B A L

N B A L Q K Z , Q S U S B Y B A L

U Z M F Q H L , B A L P Z Q R Y P

Q S U Z Q M Z , Q S U S B Y B A L

U H M Z Q M Z , Q S U Y Q V Z

N Q L Z Y P Q Y Y P H M U B Z M

S B Y M F L Z Q U D E

N B S Y Q K H B 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

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. "There is no better ballast for keeping the mind steady on its keel, and saving it from all risk of crankiness, than business."

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

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

2. "Fortunately the New World is largely free from the inheritances of fear and distrust which have so troubled the Old World."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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

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

4. "The reason why the ancients did not readily give utterance to their words, was that they feared lest their actions should not come up to them."

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

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

5. "We should impart our courage, and not our despair, our health and ease, and not our disease, and take care that this does not spread by contagion."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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