

Easy Cryptograms — Set 23

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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: X = E

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Q X L W F N Q Z L L Q X

G X J H Z L C N L W J X L D

L N S X T X J D V C V N U ;

F T X P X L L X J

W C M X J F L N C M F T X J

D V C N A A N Z J F L T N C

V 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

2. Clue: P = A

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P U P D Q Y H W C Z Q P L ,

R P U D H N

K H D K X O D X Z N Y P N R

Y P M X D H A C P K X , R

P U K H D K X O D X Z Y H G

R U P L V R N U L Q X C V

V H O H D 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

3. Clue: J = E

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D I J M I J N Q V J Q H ,

I J N Q Z K N H H K J

D Y G Q J H I Z M Z U Z M ;

Z M O D I J M I J N Q

D Y G Q H , I J N Q

K N H H K J V J H H J G

H I Z M Z V J Z Q 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: Q = E

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F N Q P N M Q C V P F B Q

O G J M M , F O J G C Q B Q ,

U H G J L G V Q

I B J O G M Q , F L X L P G

A Q G V F B X Q L Q X J L G P

G V Q U P L Q P R

K F L V P P 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: I = N

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K U Z F Y

Y F Y L Q H U K I V, Q Y H

U Z F Y I E H U K I V; Z I O

Z G H U E D V U K

S E B B Y B B I E H U K I V,

B H K G G E J I E H U K I V

Z P K K I N Z I 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

6. Clue: P = A

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Z O G A P N Y C F Y D , W M Y

O M Q F E D P O Z

H M F B S , T F Y P O Q F E D

P O Z S P C A ; P W S Z

S P C A P B Z Y Y B A Y D A

Q M C A P O Z R C M H

M B S A C .

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. "Let us a little permit Nature to take her own way; she better understands her own affairs than we."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1588, *Essays, Book III, Chap. XIII. Of Experience* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "A man should say, I am not concerned that I have no place, I am concerned how I may fit myself for one."

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

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

3. "When he is best, he is a little worse than a man; and when he is worst, he is little better than a beast."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice, Act I. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "A people who are still, as it were, but in the gristle, and not yet hardened into the bone of manhood."

— Edmund Burke, 1775, *Speech on Conciliation with America, Speech on the Conciliation of America. Vol. II. p. 117* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "I have everything, yet have nothing; and although I possess nothing, still of nothing am I in want."

— Terence, 161 BC, *Eunuchus, Act II. Sc. 2, 12. (243)* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "I speak truth, not so much as I would, but as much as I dare; and I dare a little the more as I grow older."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1588, *Essays, Book III, Chap II. Of Repentance* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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