

Expert Cryptograms — Set 5

6 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: F = O

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F D T X O B G Z Q J Z H Z S M F Q Z

 N C K C K J F A Y F Q N C Q O

 D F S K C U 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

2. Clue: U = E

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Z K U O F L U M Z U E B U F M

 C W E U A F Z K Z K U V G T L Z

 A K U Z M Z N L U .

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 = R

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Q C H V C J Y X K F H A V T Q L K

N Z H C Y V H C Y Z L X K F H

J K I V H A V 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

4. Clue: U = T

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U F C X O F D C X W J G E U P Z Z

T N O N S U H N , K C S C U T P U N

F P E H P 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

5. Clue: M = I

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V R X G M D L I Y E M E H G

T H Q X D W L X W V M E

S F E V M Z X, W H V O M V 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

6. Clue: A = E

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U F A T A C Z S Y L R I M C S

U F A O, Q Y T U F C Z J Y O A Z

I Q U A T K Y T 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

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. "Of judgment every one has a stock on hand for sale."

— *Italian proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

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

2. "The finest edge is made with the blunt whetstone."

— *John Lyly, 1578, Euphues: The Anatomy of Wit, 1579 (Arber's reprint), page 47 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Stretch your legs no farther than your coverlet."

— *Dutch proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

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

4. "Though your mastiff be gentle, do not bite his lip."

— *Portuguese proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

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

5. "The firm basis of government is justice, not pity."

— *Woodrow Wilson, 1913, First Inaugural Address*

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

6. "There is no play in them, for this comes after work."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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