

Expert Cryptograms — Set 12

6 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: H = T

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I L M Z G H B C G H I Z

R C O G H Q I D V H Z O C M

H I Z K L L J L R

Y C G A L T .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

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G R H G J H J M A F

R U Q J X W G R V R P N W

N G J M A F V P N W J U

W G R R T R .

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: B = E

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B Z B Y V U I E S W F P B

T B W F S E F B Y K Y B F B Y

M C P S W M A E A M Y Q W .

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: V = E

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Q V T Q X H M X T J P K

W Q V B P D V T P M M Z V W

J C U D G J P K Q P J

V A V J .

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: C = O

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G C Y Z H R F C Z K F O U H X

Q D U V C Q D U Z C S

G C Y Z W U A C Q H C F Q C

V 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

6. Clue: W = E

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A W Z O G Q W W N W B

Y Q X Z W Y , R F V

D R B W A W Z Z T G W Y G K H

Y X T U X F T .

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. "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1819, *Letter to Nathaniel Macon*

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

2. "He who would enjoy the feast should fast on the eve."

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

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

3. "Every man is the best interpreter of his own words."

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

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

4. "He who blows in the fire will get sparks in his eyes."

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

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

5. "Your ignorance is the mother of your devotion to me."

— John Dryden, 1668, *Secret Love, or The Maiden Queen, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Welcome ever smiles, And farewell goes out sighing."

— William Shakespeare, 1602, *Troilus and Cressida, Act III. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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