

Expert Cryptograms — Set 17

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: A = E

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C L L X J ! H Y A S U F L B

F L H Y L B Z T N Y Y D X C

A R N A A G J H Y A

B Y L X 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

2. Clue: J = I

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B Q V P X X W D G P N Q

I D P H J A J Y P D J W X H F

B J I G U E A D G J X O J X 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: J = E

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F T J Z K T J N Q P A X

N V Q F Z A Z P J U J V H

Q Z J C V A Z P X T A R

F G K J V .

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: A = I

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D Y S Z W D A N Z ' T

U J N K X A T A Z D Y S

S E R W J A D X N G Y S K

H R T D A P 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

5. Clue: W = E

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O W H O I S X N K W J

V W C H W W L C H I

E G B W L N J A I J W J I L W

I E C O W 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

6. Clue: B = O

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L N L Y O P I A J L U W N B

F U Q N B J B S P P S P Q

N G B Y P V G B H B

V W B Q K .

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. "Fools! they know not how much half exceeds the whole."

— Hesiod, 700 BC, *Works and Days*, Line 40 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "We cannot have stabilization by wishful thinking."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1944, *State of the Union Address*

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

3. "When the dog is drowning every one brings him water."

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

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

4. "The nation's glory is in the equality of her justice."

— Grover Cleveland, 1885, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "He who judges between two friends loses one of them."

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

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

6. "It is peculiar to man to love even those who do wrong."

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

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