

Expert Cryptograms — Set 18

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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: C = E

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G U C Q P C K G C Z G

X V W M H C P V P O Z U C E U V

X V W M H C P Z U O R Z C Y 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

2. Clue: W = T

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C K W C Z W X K V P G O U

R S W C G M W C S U C G U W H M U W

X K V P G O Z A Z S O .

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: U = E

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G O U T M V G M J U W A M X U T

G O U O R W I ; R K I G O U Y U R B

G O U T G W M K 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

4. Clue: U = E

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X C G W V U O X Z L W E G C X P E

L X G M U R U V Z R U V J U L H

M U V N L X H O X 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

5. Clue: C = L

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O P X C D A C V O P X C D C K B B ,

A F A C V U K Y X C P U ,

B E C K Q R A R C V Q X C 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

6. Clue: F = E

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R F K R P I F O B F I W J T Z

W J I V F O I W X I V T F Y H F N V

I P W F P C V R F 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

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 wordsOF 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. "The greatest conqueror is he who conquers himself."

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

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

2. "He that reckons without his host must reckon again."

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

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

3. "The soft overcomes the hard; and the weak the strong."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

4. "Nature in you stands on the very verge of her confine."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *King Lear*, Act II. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Faultily faultless, icily regular, splendidly null."

— Alfred Tennyson, 1855, *Maud*, Part I. II (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "He who serves many masters must neglect some of them."

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

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