

# Expert Cryptograms — Set 21

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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: A = T

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Z A Z W A S S Q B A V E S T A Y V

O Z T F A S W X T V B I U Y V C

Z A Z W X B G N Y 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: H = A

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D H I B F G Z H U W R H Y U O F G Z

M H U Z E E U M C H U A F I C Y O F

O E N D H M L .

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: X = E

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G Q X V N E G Q F J U W

X R X K Z L N Y Z X B G W

I N T D G K Z D F U X Q F A W X D 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: M = T

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G U V M V P M M U V M B J V B D

D J Z J W Q , V L Q M U W L Q F B D

C L M U F C L Q F 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

5. Clue: F = I

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S F J M F K B X Y B L R X V M J  
 C Z W Z T C N , X F H Y N J V M I Z  
 V M J D L T T F X 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: H = E

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F M H W A T Y H A F G T W B B H C  
 I H W D F R F M H K B V Z H N Y A J  
 V K S Y N F D 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

**Solver's cheat sheet**

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| <b>Most common letters</b>        | E T A O I N S H R D L U                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Most common 1-letter words</b> | A I                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Most common 2-letter words</b> | OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US<br>AM                                                                                    |
| <b>Most common 3-letter words</b> | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET<br>HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT<br>SAY SHE TOO USE |
| <b>Common double letters</b>      | LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Common word endings</b>        | -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST                                                                                                                         |
| <b>After an apostrophe</b>        | 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. "It is too late for the bird to scream when it is caught."

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

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

#### 2. "Lawyers and painters can soon change white to black."

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

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

#### 3. "The fox thinks everybody eats poultry like himself."

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

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

#### 4. "What act that roars so loud, and thunders in the index?"

— *William Shakespeare, 1601, Hamlet, Act III. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

#### 5. "Midnight shout and revelry, Tipsy dance and jollity."

— *John Milton, 1637, Comus, Line 103 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

#### 6. "The ancients called beauty the flowering of virtue."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Essays: First Series*

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