

Expert Cryptograms — Set 26

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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: D = E

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L S I D W C , S I D D J D G H

Y T D D A D , N G S I D T G H

L T S C L W V

D M G K P D W A D .

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: F = T

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G Y F G S F J W K

B R F F M R , L D B P R T , U R

V M Y Q I F J W K

S M G U R T , K D S R F X .

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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3. Clue: X = E

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J P U W B N F X H P Z X

N S L X W G U C X L B X

A Z X P T H N S L B N H X

I B N I P C X .

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: N = E

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L T Z S J Z G T N A R Z N

O L A G W Z N F T N U G Q D

H T G S J K N A

M J A Y T J A N M .

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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5. Clue: V = O

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O P B K U F U M W V Q N B R

Y V H U , W V Q H P V Q Y Z

M U N I V R V L R V

B N N V Q R 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

6. Clue: O = T

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K J V S K V D V L Q O

V B F V W O N O , O J V

J L Z V G L Z O Q C E O C X

O J V G N O W 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

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. "Athens, the eye of Greece, mother of arts and eloquence."

— John Milton, 1671, *Paradise Regained*, Book IV. Line 240 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Out of this nettle, danger, we pluck this flower, safety."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I, Act II. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Vain hopes are often like the dreams of those who wake."

— Quintilian, 95, *Institutio Oratoria, nes Oratoriae*, VI. 2, 30 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Our virtues are most frequently but vices disguised."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, *Maximes*, 19 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Whatever you can lose, you should reckon of no account."

— Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, *Sententiae (Maxims)*, 191 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "When we least expect it, the hare darts out of the ditch."

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

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