

Expert Cryptograms — Set 32

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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: X = E

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C A M S P E X O N W X W

V M X O K X

O X B X I P C I K X O X C O W

E X O W I C G J K O X W P .

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: L = I

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H I E A C S P L M S I A

M Y A L M H L P X Z L A Q

L S H U L T A L S O I S P

T Y U Y B L A F .

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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V X M V P M U S M J

P O L W X V A N J X Y Q ,

Z A Y Y E X M

J G Y A F M X D J A F V A J

X 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: T = R

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C B O X U T H G I N O T

U G T Y J W U G T D T U X L ,

Y G M G T P U G L W R

T O L C T J P I 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

5. Clue: J = E

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N R L E X C L E J S C J

P W J J K J P E F X N ,

X L G V R G V S L V J

X R L S T F W G F O R G .

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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Y M E B W Q K L W Q W R J O W

Z W Y P Q W Y P Q F K, J E O

C J E O K Z W Y P Q W

F E M A W 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. "Amid the roses fierce Repentance rears her snaky crest."

— James Thomson, 1730, *The Seasons, Spring*. Line 996 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Fortune is not satisfied with inflicting one calamity."

— Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, *Sententiae (Maxims)*, 274 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "He that cuts above himself, will get splinters in his eye."

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

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

4. "The work under our labour grows, Luxurious by restraint."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost, Book IX*. Line 208 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Sail while the breeze blows, wind and tide wait for no man."

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

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

6. "Fingers were made before forks, and hands before knives."

— Jonathan Swift, 1738, *Polite Conversation, Dialogue II* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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