

Expert Cryptograms — Set 41

6 puzzles · Standard 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: Z = E

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I L Z E V B I Z H Z H V Q I Z W

 D E S Y Z M R Z E S U V W L B M

 Y V H Z S P I B X Z Q H B Z 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

2. Clue: J = T

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L D W D J L F T J M P Z

 J Q E T O N A Z E J Q F W B F W Y

 D A J Q O G Q D N O D A J Q E

 N F A 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: W = E

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I D R W N W U Q Z M D E F ,

I D R W N W U Q T B B F ,

K J F E Z V W V R G S J W U F

W N W U C R U 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

4. Clue: L = E

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U L R U J R H E I N X M L O N N

W L Y P L X W U E I N X V L L Z

Z N L C R K E Q W L Y P J C R 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

5. Clue: M = E

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M P M N B I T Z B X Y T K H R T T Z
D T J Y H M C M F D M W A E Q L
A E O A E O H Y M M Z T V Q 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

6. Clue: T = E

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S B T L V H M T W J T H J
E B K V P T ; X L W R H G T H J
I B K S X L W S B X L P B S J
C K U T H 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

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)

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Answer key

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1. "The loiterer often blames delay on his more active friend."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

2. "Do not disturb thyself by thinking of the whole of thy life."

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

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

3. "Whoever fights, whoever falls, Justice conquers evermore."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1847, *Poems, Voluntaries* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "He that would be ill served should keep plenty of servants."

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

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

5. "Everybody knows good counsel except him that has need of it."

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

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

6. "The universe is change; our life is what our thoughts make it."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations, IV. 3* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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