

Expert Cryptograms — Set 52

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: Q = A

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F Q H Q O X A N M A G O X A N

N P K K S Z Q H Y J Z Q C ; Q O

X A N Y Z Q O X , L A G F Q H Y

N O G D H I .

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 = I

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W F Q Q E R Y B F B N X D F Y

P D E J X R Y W V U F W V

C F Q N Y F E O W J C O F B

D E F P J N Y D 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

5. Clue: A = E

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I A J C R H A D D A W H A C W
L Q W D W L Q H V A Y H W C N A V T
D J C G D W T D L A Y M C O A
D J A 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 = R

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H O L R O V Y U , M L O Y E - T V O I
J Z L D P V M F U O , R U O O G
Y H O L I W E L R U ' Y
Z K O T L I W U 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

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

Answer key

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1. "Man at his birth is supple and weak; at his death, firm and strong."

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

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

2. "Till morning fair Came forth with pilgrim steps in amice gray."

— John Milton, 1671, *Paradise Regained*, Book IV. Line 426 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Smile with an intent to do mischief, or cozen him whom he salutes."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy*, Democritus to the Reader (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "He who covets what belongs to another deservedly loses his own."

— Phaedrus, 25, *Fables*, Book I. Fable 4, 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "We had better bear our troubles bravely than try to escape them."

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

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

6. "Primrose, first-born child of Ver, Merry springtime's harbinger."

— Beaumont and Fletcher, 1634, *The Two Noble Kinsmen*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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