

Expert Cryptograms — Set 56

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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: Y = A

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N Y D B K C B M R Z C K

M R Z C K, Y M L K C B L Y S

L Y S, Y M L S H A V R J J

J R E B T J B Y F Y M K J 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

2. Clue: H = O

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X E H F B L C H E W C S Q

H Z E S H F X H E K

X N H M J . K R Q H C N P

M E Q K S R Q T W E Q K R Q

M B J Q .

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: A = E

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V L A R I S B W D X

Q L M I J H A Y S H A

Y D Y W A Y W A , U E V

O A H B A J E Q S V M O A

Y D Y W A Y W 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

4. Clue: V = E

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U F X F U G V S M D Q V

Y S V L R B Q M B Q V L G

X Q F B K I N Y O V B

K X M H V F C V S F U V

B K F U 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

5. Clue: L = E

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P G L I M P ' F A K B R U L

R B E ! O B U L C A M O Y V Z ,

S L R P V L V H J Z ; P G L

I M P ' F A K B R U L R B E .

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: A = E

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V A C C T A I A M A

H I Y C Y D K M A E G I A

P G F N Z P, Z D U

I A B A Y N C M A E G I A

P G F H I Y C 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

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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Make the night night, and the day day, and you will live pleasantly."

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

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

2. "From ignorance our comfort flows. The only wretched are the wise."

— Matthew Prior, 1692, *To the Hon. Charles Montague* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "The plays of children are nonsense, but very educative nonsense."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *Essays: Second Series*

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

4. "No wonder if he breaks his head who stumbles twice over one stone."

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

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

5. "The fit's upon me now! Come quickly, gentle lady; The fit's upon me now."

— Beaumont and Fletcher, 1639, *Wit Without Money*, Act V. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Let there be writing before you pay, and receipt before you write."

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

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