

Expert Cryptograms — Set 61

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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: Z = E

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O L Q J J S Q K Y U O P Z J J

E F N O F Z T K Z U Y L Z O

L Q B N Z Q G S U S Z

T Y A M Y U B I W

G N Y L Z 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

2. Clue: I = O

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B V B R I F K S

R C Z K K I L D X I D K X

L C I O X E G B O X S X Z O R

V I J X V O B P I N Z F

X Q I V B I F .

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: V = E

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Q P V U V H U V T G

N V G N B V K P G H U V

Y L X Q V F G C L B Z H U

H F Q P V

G C V U - U V S X T V A

G T V F .

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: C = O

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S E C H G W C Z Z M X R M X E

B C C V X T C E A C Y W T X T

K C Y Z F J J O X R

W C R M F W O Q Y R

Z L R X E .

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: O = E

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A T O E Y Z O C B U T Z D U

G E X O C L Y O M L U A J W

L N Y O O L S J O, S K A

A T O W L Y O

Z C U O V K Y 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

6. Clue: P = E

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H P V S P V D C Z V R I Y P O
H R Y B V A P S P
U P T T R D T P N K Y B P
X T N J P N I H B R D B H P
T R L 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

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. "Small habits well pursued betimes may reach the dignity of crimes."

— *Hannah More, 1786, Florio, Part I (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "It is only shallow people who require years to get rid of an emotion."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1891, The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

3. "There are no people who are quite so vulgar as the over-refined ones."

— *Mark Twain, 1897, Following the Equator*

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

4. "From snow whether cooked or pounded you will get nothing but water."

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

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

5. "The friendships of men are vastly agreeable, but they are insecure."

— *Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

6. "We are acquainted with a mere pellicle of the globe on which we live."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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