

Expert Cryptograms — Set 72

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: E = T

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E Q A T E I T B S T E R X F T C E

E I V X C N W S T M V T S O , E B J

D I C E E I T Q W T Y , D I C E

E I T L Q Z T B E J V T S 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: S = L

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N T C Z B I D R O N G S

T U M C N Y G D B A S J A T C U I ,

S G P R W G O O R U S B E M I G U

N S O I R M T S H W C B S T C U 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

3. Clue: C = R

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Q P F H N O H B P C F F H G N J
 H B G X C L P C I F, P C Z O A;
 W N C H B U X U M P H L C X H G
 B X F P L M U X F Y G M F N 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

4. Clue: Q = T

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Z M X M Q T S Q I H D H A L
 I R X Z H A Q M Q I H
 O R V G M U A C, X M A T S Q I
 H D H A L Q I S A K Q Q M Q I H
 V S Q O I H 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

5. Clue: Z = S

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L U D E D R Z C M N R Y D Z M
 Z R O B V D H J L K Z Z J O D Z
 Z M O D O K E P M Q N R E L J D
 R C U R Z M J L X K E I B K E L Z .

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: V = E

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A V M N X X R Y Q V O K H Y
 R Z O D V B C V D Y R G V
 X N O O R A V S N X S S A N O P V S
 G F D B R T N X D N X S
 Q J O N D V D .

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. "Together let us beat this ample field, Try what the open, what the covert yield."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle I. Line 9* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Our wasted oil unprofitably burns, Like hidden lamps in old sepulchral urns."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782), Conversation. Line 357* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Most authors steal their works, or buy; Garth did not write his own Dispensary."

— Alexander Pope, 1711, *An Essay on Criticism, Part III. Line 59* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Go not with every hunger to the cupboard, nor with every thirst to the pitcher."

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

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

5. "There is no vice so simple but assumes some mark of virtue in his outward parts."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice, Act III. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "We can not permit ourselves to be narrowed and dwarfed by slogans and phrases."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1925, *Inaugural Address*

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