

Expert Cryptograms — Set 73

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: B = T

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B X S I V H O M Z I E S G I

Z S W S G L U E V G C I , L H B L U

B X S B X J Z F J B I S O P B X M B

J I J Z T H J G S C M P B S G .

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 = E

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K C C O Y I M K Q O Y H F I Y

B K R B M H Z I O M J Y V Q

K X T O Y J , H X V J U J M N

F Q X W O J M Q M F M J H I J Y H

G O Y J .

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: L = E

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Z F , R Y L H G M D G F G L J I L O

M F Z H L P X K Y Z P C L C O N U

K N X J N A L G Z - J Z O O Z M

K F L L O T P Y N H G Z - C N U !

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: R = E

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R F V K R N R D L G G X V T K R
 R M T X O R G Q D W K H Q T B R ;
 L G N X G V S R U Y H L G V H
 D H N R N U D V R K L H T D T D 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

5. Clue: A = E

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R O X E S M W A , H K F W C A X
 R T M K K - C H V D M R B S I Y F O T ,
 F T Q B L A T O G A G H T Q M G B
 H K F G S H M Q A Q G F T 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: F = D

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H W D V I F B Z C N G W C T V I Y ;

T I F Z A F W E W I F ,

T Q T V I Y B N Z M G

L M F Q C W I B , N Z M G

F W S T G B W F E G V W 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

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. "The soul answers never by words, but by the thing itself that is inquired after."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

2. "Illustrious acts high raptures do infuse, And every conqueror creates a muse."

— Edmund Waller, 1645, *Poems, Panegyric on Cromwell (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Oh, blest with temper whose unclouded ray can make to-morrow cheerful as to-day!"

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays, Epistle II. Line 257 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Extremes in nature equal ends produce; In man they join to some mysterious use."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle II. Line 205 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Sir Plume, of amber snuff-box justly vain, And the nice conduct of a clouded cane."

— Alexander Pope, 1714, *The Rape of the Lock, Canto IV. Line 123 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Be kind to my remains; and oh defend, Against your judgment, your departed friend!"

— John Dryden, 1694, *To My Dear Friend Mr. Congreve, Epistle to Congreve. Line 72 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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