

Expert Cryptograms — Set 74

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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: V = E

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F V Z Y X K V J W D E L W K

J W D E L , L Q U Q A A Q P

J W D E L P V J V P W K B Q C

W G L E V K Z Q J G Q U

Z Q G K V N X V G Z 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

2. Clue: Q = E

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Q J Q M H U Y U Q B W

K B T W M E A W T, X B G

Q J Q M H Y O C Q A W: I Y M

L K T G Y U K T K B I E T Q G

K B W Y Q J Q M H I Y M 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

3. Clue: X = E

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S K F C Q J K E Z M X M S X

U I C L X D J ! F X G Z J M

J T X C U Q R M S X V C B Y ,

K B X N Z D L K V C M D K I

F D E E Z I Y K Z 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

4. Clue: Y = E

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S Y G Y D V K U

S Y U K A N Y L C T A G K B Y

Y O V W - L V U T A U Y L

V G F E Y Q U Y K B Y V E

I Y Q G U A D V G H C E V G J

R A C .

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: Y = S

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E I , I N X T B A T Y P P N

B E P T O C E B M

I K G Y C V U K Y

P I N T Z I P V C Y Y ,

P I E B D V C Y Y ,

K B S N B Y K Y P C B P G E B !

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: K = E

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A E V

M X U K Q - R K P F X M X O

L B F X I X E I L B U K X L

N P R K , C K L A E R U I

L A K K K R E Z

I Y M K X Y K D C L A K

L P M 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

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. "Because right is right, to follow right were wisdom in the scorn of consequence."

— *Alfred Tennyson, 1833, Poems (1832), OEnone (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Every moment instructs, and every object: for wisdom is infused into every form."

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

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

3. "How absolute the knave is! we must speak by the card, or equivocation will undo us."

— *William Shakespeare, 1601, Hamlet, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Benefits bestowed upon the evil-disposed increase their means of injuring you."

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

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

5. "Ah, how unjust to Nature and himself is thoughtless, thankless, inconsistent man!"

— *Edward Young, 1745, Night Thoughts, Night II. Line 112 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "How index-learning turns no student pale, Yet holds the eel of science by the tail."

— *Alexander Pope, 1728, The Dunciad, Book I. Line 279 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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