

Expert Cryptograms — Set 79

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: D = O

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K J K B R Y E V X D D T S D E

 V D Z J D Q Y K I J U Y C O V ,

 O I T J D N I D C C U O J

 M Y D M H Y B O V D S V D Z

 Q Y U K I T V D Z E Q O A N .

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: V = E

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Y V Q R F L R E P V R Y V V A G ,

L H N O K Q V Y V Q R F L R E P V

R E D G R , R E T V H A V J G L J

R Y K U V , L H N V T K B F V H A V

K C V M V 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

3. Clue: H = O

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S Q I F P U K B V C B A T H Y E Q

I F W E S G , G H E P I F B A T

Z B V C P J I F B G Z N Q

V H E P G . H U P A , R H V C G ,

Z F H P L P K C A H V C 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

4. Clue: W = T

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W E T P Z B F D A W E T T P Y W E

F W B K R F D N W L B F B U M S

W E Y D N I E W E T K T V W Y T D A

T P K E P V O T L T Y S W D Q V

D Y K B W 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

5. Clue: B = T

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B I X T O I B C J B I Y

E P X E Y P B L X R I C U M I X

V D Q Y Q B Y P B D C Q C B , D Q F

X R I C U M I X V D Q

D F Y S T D B Y A L E A D V Y C 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: O = E

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A H L O D X A H U J I O

M A K E O C , O G V O K J H R

D O M S D C , S H C N O

J I S H E Y P B A Y Z R P

O L K S V O A H Q P D Z Y R D

Z R P D V S A H L .

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. "It is very good for you to be in the way, and to know what people say of you behind your back."

— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *An Ideal Husband*

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

2. "Persuasive speech, and more persuasive sighs, Silence that spoke, and eloquence of eyes."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation)*, Book XIV. Line 251 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "By the pricking of my thumbs, Something wicked this way comes. Open, locks, Whoever knocks!"

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act IV. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The axis of the earth sticks out visibly through the centre of each and every town or city."

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1858, *The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table*, VI (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Thought is the property of him who can entertain it, and of him who can adequately place it."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1850, *Representative Men, Shakespeare* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "In serving the wicked, expect no reward, and be thankful if you escape injury for your pains."

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

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