

Friendship Cryptograms — Set 9

6 puzzles · Large 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: K = E

Expert · 48 letters

I G H K O K C M F O X

C F G K S N Z L S N

S K G I V Q M F Z Y G T N

O K S , S M A A L O K

M S K 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

2. Clue: A = E

Expert · 48 letters

D M A R S T D A F A F
S U D A L W R C B A O
N A R C J S L M T O B S F A
C X D T P A U F T A L 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

3. Clue: H = N

Medium · 49 letters

F J K T H R L M S C S

O J H U Z C L S H R Q : F J K

T C S H J M G F S H S G F ,

T H R L T G F J K C Q .

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: B = E

Expert · 49 letters

G U B N B F U B N B O H
S W F B D I Q C O F V
F U B N B S B E B N K Q S
X B J B N L B K F C W 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

5. Clue: F = E

Expert · 49 letters

H J H Q U I J J O F

A F Y K F W J , E D J J O F

H T A F Y K F W J , N O I

O M G F U F F L I K S I G 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

6. Clue: D = R

Medium · 49 letters

N G T N L F Y

G W G D B K L M B ' Y

I D F G P M F Y G F Z N G D

W G D B H L L D L D W G D B

D F V 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

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. "Give me for my friends and neighbors wild men, not tame ones."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1862, Walking*

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

2. "The loiterer often blames delay on his more active friend."

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

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

3. "You and I were long friends: you are now my enemy, and I am yours."

— *Benjamin Franklin, 1775, Letter to William Strahan, July 5, 1775 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Where there is not equality there never can be perfect love."

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

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

5. "It is not the perfect, but the imperfect, who have need of love."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1895, An Ideal Husband*

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

6. "He who is everybody's friend is either very poor or very rich."

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

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