

Friendship Cryptograms — Set 17

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: B = S

Hard · 57 letters

K T O X U V C X Y W V Z B

V X Z G V U Y F W B B

Q D T R W B, G F V L W B

E Y C L Y G V F W

G V B B C T X F T R W 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

2. Clue: T = I

Hard · 57 letters

G S U Z J Y T J W U Q J

N U B Z Y Z X Z G

S W K E T A G N G F M

D Z J G S W K E T A G N

T D S U E E T C T N T J K .

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: J = E

Hard · 57 letters

M Q J S J E S J E C C

L Y T V I K Z

D K T I D Y J T D J I ,

X J D E R I J M Q J S J E S J

E C C L Y T V I K Z P J T .

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: U = E

Medium · 58 letters

N L Y L S P U L Q

M P N U J B Q F D W V K N I

L Y W X U Y U J Q X ; M F P

Q E U Z A U U D D U F D K U

M P F Y R N I 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

5. Clue: A = E

Easy · 58 letters

M Y O Z A M Z Y R A Y

K W O O K A X V A I X M

U X J M I M W A V P, O Z Y V

Y L M A Y O X V A I X M

U X J M A V A D 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

6. Clue: W = I

Easy · 58 letters

W K O R S G O U A Y N W E

T W O F S O W K W S A K S

K U V Y U T N U A K U I Y S C

U C M W Y A T W A

T W O K M Y O 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

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. "Fountain heads and pathless groves, Places which pale passion loves."

— John Fletcher, 1647, *The Nice Valour*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "A poet without love were a physical and metaphysical impossibility."

— Thomas Carlyle, 1828, *Burns. Edinburgh Review*, 1828 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "There are all kinds of consciences, because there are all kinds of men."

— Mark Twain, 1906, *What Is Man? and Other Essays*

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

4. "I am a great friend to public amusements; for they keep people from vice."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. III. Chap. VIII. 1772* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Rather have a little one for your friend, than a great one for your enemy."

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

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

6. "It shows an evil disposition to take advantage of a friend in distress."

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

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