

Friendship Cryptograms — Set 18

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: R = E

Expert · 58 letters

V C X R D T M R Z P D Z F R

J G T P V P , I G Z A G

R M R C W S T K W V U D F P

U S T X V U B K Y R I G U M R

P R R 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: R = E

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Y R R D F V T R W T L K Y ,

M O Z A U M Z V F M D F V T R W

T R R T Y , B A U I N F K L W T

V F P R U O A Z G J I A W D .

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: K = N

Hard · 58 letters

S K Y L K F S K W J K M S K

N B U Z Q B L R Z W S K T Y Z K

Q B L N S V Z J K M N Z J U Z

B H H T Y Z K Q B L A 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

4. Clue: S = E

Hard · 59 letters

Q T S F I Y I M A I Z Y

Y R V S T X R F S T Q C X F R Q

O S I V R F S P J Y H Q V R C T S Y

Q H Q T S ' Y H V J S T L Y .

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: G = E

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I G H X P Q G D Z C H Y X J S Y H F

G L H G J Q Y Z G Z Y G S

Q V D Z G R B C J O Y J A , U D X B

W F Y J C H X K G D 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

6. Clue: J = E

Hard · 59 letters

E D T S J H L L P G U N A K P R

K N E J G E J , B Y N H Y G L

L Y G L L N Q J L Y J C H G I I J K

I G H U P R Q P A J 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

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. "True love is like ghosts, which everybody talks about and few have seen."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 76 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "See golden days, fruitful of golden deeds, With joy and love triumphing."

— *John Milton, 1667, Paradise Lost, Book III. Line 337 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "In hunting and in love you begin when you like and leave off when you can."

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

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

4. "One has always strength enough to bear the misfortunes of one's friends."

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

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

5. "Let observation with extensive view Survey mankind, from China to Peru."

— *Samuel Johnson, 1749, The Vanity of Human Wishes, Line 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Subject to a kind of disease, which at that time they called lack of money."

— *Francois Rabelais, 1532, Pantagruel (Works, Book II), Chap. XVI (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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