

Friendship Cryptograms — Set 23

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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: G = T

Medium · 66 letters

T P R G G Q P F U P Y K

U V E K ? G Q K C T P C P G

R O F D C T K L G V W K ,

E P L G Q D G V R G Q K

R G F E E U V E K V R

W D T K P E .

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: H = O

Medium · 66 letters

N B H Z G G Z G C R A P N E L

A P U A ' Q H B S : H B S

D C N G E S Q , H B S

A N Y G Q , H B S

Y U E E G C Q , H B S

K H H V Q , H B S M N E 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

3. Clue: Y = R

Medium · 67 letters

U Y K B H G V Y T P K

V Y B G D F, T Y

L G D H R Y G V Y T P K

V T G, K Y G N T H S T D

M G K Y G Y H S M K S T R Y

P G Y B S H I D T 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

4. Clue: K = T

Hard · 67 letters

K Q W L V J W G Y W V O B W L

S O A , D Z K K J Z B F L

M F K B , - R W G T L U F C

O S E B K J B F L S G , D Z K

K Q B K J F W K S J Q F K 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: L = E

Hard · 68 letters

I A Q O E , Y L I I L M

I D O K L Z L M Y L V A M L ,

C L T K A C I D L

O W U G M O I G A K W A V

D J S O K T G K Q , O K Q

W D O M L I D L 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

6. Clue: J = S

Expert · 68 letters

F M Y X F I J F H K J G B Z
F P H K K F N I K
C H Y K M T J - D Z K E F J O
M L A G K J D Y L M J ;
D Z K E V F J J M L
B H Y D Y B Y J X 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

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

Answer key

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1. "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1746, *Poor Richard's Almanack*

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

2. "I love everything that's old: old friends, old times, old manners, old books, old wine."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1773, *She Stoops to Conquer, Act I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed.*, 1891)

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

3. "Praise from a friend, or censure from a foe, Are lost on hearers that our merits know."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation), Book X. Line 293* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed.*, 1891)

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

4. "This principle is old, but true as fate, - Kings may love treason, but the traitor hate."

— Thomas Dekker, 1604, *The Honest Whore, Part I. Act IV. Sc. 4* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed.*, 1891)

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

5. "Today, better than ever before, we know the aspirations of humankind, and share them."

— Warren G. Harding, 1921, *Inaugural Address*

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

6. "Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms."

— George Eliot, 1857, *Mr Gilfil's Love Story*

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