

Friendship Cryptograms — Set 28

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: B = E

Hard · 75 letters

S I Z T L N B U Z O R L B Q B O A .

V N U F D R H B O C O B Z A S

P R I I T S L X N O S I Z

O X S B O ; A X B W G B L B

B R O N B O A T S L X N O T B B A .

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: J = E

Hard · 75 letters

H G J G U K H G M A R E D O G ,

K N H G O J U H O E J R J U H G

H G J O G U Z J , X M A

H U B Y N R P U P J U R Z

K G N O Q J A N R P B M S J A O

V U Z 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

3. Clue: L = E

Medium · 76 letters

C W I L P B E M Y P Y S X

G Y B X L ; B Z K G Y B X L , H S P Y

C W I L B P G P T S Q L , G W W Z

P B E M Y P P Y L G H L L P

J S I S C S P S L G W Q C S Q 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

4. Clue: D = E

Easy · 76 letters

L A D Z O D U Q X I D C T O C M D

G Q G S O C M G S W . P D U I D

A U Z Z G D I G S L A D

Z U Q Q G C S P D T D D O L A U S

G S L A U L P D G S Q Z G I 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

5. Clue: X = E

Medium · 77 letters

O C X K V T E P U

U N J X S G E C J Y V N X

V F E O X N X V S G X O X N S V K ,

P U P S X T X D T J O C O C X

K V T E P U S V O F N X V S G P U

B P N V K 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

6. Clue: D = E

Hard · 77 letters

Z W C E Y D M W A L W X D E A

R Y Y D S G P W V H K

Z D R U M V G Y A , W Z X Q R A X G L

W Z X I R Z X T D D H R Z U

A M G E H X L W I D E A

T Y R D Z X A .

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. "Old friends are best. King James used to call for his old shoes; they were easiest for his feet."

— John Selden, 1689, *Table Talk, Friends* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The hawthorn bush, with seats beneath the shade, For talking age and whispering lovers made."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, *The Deserted Village*, Line 13 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Love taught him shame; and shame, with love at strife, Soon taught the sweet civilities of life."

— John Dryden, 1700, *Cymon and Iphigenia*, Line 133 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The pleasure of love is in loving. We are happier in the passion we feel than in that we inspire."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, *Maximes*, 259 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The laws of friendship are austere and eternal, of one web with the laws of nature and of morals."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

6. "Nature has made us irrevocably neighbors, and wisdom and kind feeling should make us friends."

— Grover Cleveland, 1886, *Second Annual Message to Congress*

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