

Hard Cryptograms — Set 10

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: V = T

Hard · 40 letters

V X Y O Y L D V W S V O L M

Z D K W V L O I L M D V X Y

Q U Y L V Y D V Q L Z 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

2. Clue: L = E

Hard · 40 letters

H N L X V Y G Y X E

U J Q R L Y F Z L L , G N L

K Y Z U L Z N Y R X J

V N Y X V 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

3. Clue: Q = E

Hard · 40 letters

W V V G U Q H L S V R W S Q
N L L R W D R
W N S Q Q W X V Q M D E L T S
Q E Q 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: G = A

Hard · 40 letters

J S P N G J U S S D Q C

X N G O O H S Z X G X

L I O O G X Q C O G V W I

S C I X .

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: Q = A

Hard · 40 letters

A J B R N Y F Q K V Y O

Q A V Z J R Z N F Z H Y

O Q Z R Q K V Y O

T Q O D Y N 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: L = T

Hard · 40 letters

L R Y V G L C Y L M

P J G C M L R V L M R Y

K V O I Y Q J M R L R Y

M Z Z G Y 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

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. "The least outlay is not always the greatest gain."

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

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

2. "When cat and mouse agree, the farmer has no chance."

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

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

3. "All the world are good and agreeable in your eyes."

— *Jane Austen, 1813, Pride and Prejudice*

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

4. "You may cook in small pots as well as in large ones."

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

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

5. "Counsel after action is like rain after harvest."

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

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

6. "The ant gets wings that she may perish the sooner."

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

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