

Hard Cryptograms — Set 115

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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: W = N

Hard · 58 letters

J T W P Y Z I M T D T C C

S W R T T R C , W P M

Z P W X V C T R S W

K P M R C , W P M

M I B J D S W H S W

Y N P V H N 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

2. Clue: C = A

Hard · 58 letters

O H J Z C B H X V K

X D J C W C A K Z C A C X A

B H R C B W V D J N C V

V N H S B I N S Q W B H X

K C A V D V N H 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

3. Clue: M = N

Hard · 58 letters

W M B R M V W M X S M Z W M

P L E A T L R N A X W M

G B A M T L R P W Y A S M Z

P A S E A L H H G B A M

T L R J S M .

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: Z = T

Hard · 59 letters

D Z D Y U T Z J V Y E Z T

Y Z B V D O S Z J U D U Z S J

T V C Z S J P B T T C

Z S V Z O B J H D U Z S J

Y V M I D U 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

5. Clue: S = E

Hard · 59 letters

V U S N K O T L ,

I P K I I C B N , K B T

J S Q D J G S W O P T K L C G

F J S X V C B V D V U S

I D G D Q D W V U S G S 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

6. Clue: R = E

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S R N R R A R N C Y U R I Y

E S R R L Q R W Y N R X V E

Y S U X Y Z E R, R A R N C

E I N R R I S Y Z O P Q R

J O R H 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

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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Be not careless in deeds, nor confused in words, nor rambling in thought."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, VIII. 51 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Few parents nowadays pay any regard to what their children say to them."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1895, The Importance of Being Earnest*

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

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

4. "It is not easy to straighten in the oak the crook that grew in the sapling."

— *Gaelic proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated (London, 1859)*

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

5. "The gaudy, blabbing, and remorseful day is crept into the bosom of the sea."

— *William Shakespeare, 1592, King Henry VI, Part II. Act IV. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Were every one to sweep before his own house, every street would be clean."

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

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