

Hard Cryptograms — Set 116

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: L = E

Hard · 59 letters

R M L Q D F D K N D T F

F V Y L M W V Q L M R H W Q

V R G L D Y V Q L

P C F B R Y V H M L F R B

R M L ' F B Y C L M E F .

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 = N

Hard · 59 letters

H V K B V K J R L C C R

Y T X X Y T O D K X X O D V

J K O T C J N C Q O D V

V K F O D B C J O T J P V

P J M F C Z V 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: A = T

Hard · 59 letters

E A E C V S A A W D

O M D Z A D C A

Y D Z P A E D C A W Z A

E V C K E M D A W D X S C A

K M S N S P V L K Z C C E S 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

4. Clue: C = O

Hard · 59 letters

D H D X H Z O Y C L L C K

A D Y O C J F B B , D K

C B U F E O , H C S O H C C

D K H O K H G N C K C G M

D K H O M O X H 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: W = A

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E M D Y M B W B

F Y P M T G B W B W

F C M Z Y - F T E P F W E Y

H Y O M I J F R Y P G E E

Y W L T D W P L T C B U

Q W I .

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 = T

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L C D H V F J J G U A X M Q

G I Q X L V U L V , Z T X F T

U J J T U J J X E V J T V N

F U S S V Q S U F A G I

E G M V N .

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

2. "Peace and good will with all the nations of the earth continue unbroken."

— William McKinley, 1897, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

3. "It is not the greatest beauties that inspire the most profound passion."

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

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

4. "It is the common vice of all, in old age, to be too intent upon our interests."

— Terence, 160 BC, *Adelphoe*, Act V. Sc. 8, 30. (953) (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Life is as tedious as a twice-told tale Vexing the dull ear of a drowsy man."

— William Shakespeare, 1596, *King John*, Act III. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

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