

Hard Cryptograms — Set 120

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: G = E

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D G T U H Z G Q V X H J

R H W H M G Q N E D N W G V S D N

P G H Z G U W N C D T W M C N

P T I O N E E D T U E T W M G Q 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

2. Clue: B = T

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R U O U B G K B E V H V N L

X K Y Z V O B B U B E V

M U A B U N , O U N G K B E

V H V N L Q Y X K O B B U B E V

Y X G L 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

3. Clue: J = O

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R S I X Y S Y D S A G I G S B I T

J D B J S B G K L I G J K Y S Y

A S G H Y J D R Q G B R C C K H J

J D Z F Z Z T - H J L 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

4. Clue: K = E

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J X K S V N K Z J Z W S

H N V H K N Y P R A M N F K F

I W Y Y S V N B M G V J X K N

R N K M J Z V A N Q K V S

I K M Y J 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: V = O

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Z Y Z G J Z E Q U J M F V C X V L

K V Y Y Z Q T , E V Q N V I W M U

Q V J E K V T M V I D S E T S N

Q V N U W E I T N J Y 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

6. Clue: Y = E

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L R U R W W S R T Z E Y

K R T S J Y E X N T Q P W R C Y W

U Y B W P V U C J , B P Y W P Y S

Q E R W P Y J R S X S V Y U L 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
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. "He is a very bad manager of honey who leaves nothing to lick off his fingers."

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

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

2. "Go not with every ailment to the doctor, nor with every plaint to the lawyer."

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

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

3. "Talks as familiarly of roaring lions as maids of thirteen do of puppy-dogs!"

— William Shakespeare, 1596, *King John*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The forests if properly guarded will form another great source of wealth."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1903, *Third Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "I live in the crowd of jollity, not so much to enjoy company as to shun myself."

— Samuel Johnson, 1759, *Rasselas*, Chap. XVI (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Do not trouble yourself much to get new things, whether clothes or friends."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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