

Hard Cryptograms — Set 121

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: Q = E

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U Z M D Q A J N Z A J O N I

S Q H W Q D U W

V O L L U L P , M D Q

T Q J T N Q A J O N I

S Q H W Q M D Q U V

W D J O M U L P .

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: T = E

Hard · 61 letters

F G H S Q F W Q F H S T

O G U R Y I G U T M K E H R T

H S N F H S T X U G B T M M

G C H S T Q U W U N Y K N R

B S N F W 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 = I

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U W G P G M V R F

J O R N G P F I Q F C P

R F U D G M R N

M R U G T T M N M D T G ,

L W M B W M V U W G

I M P V U U W M R 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

4. Clue: K = O

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K P , V P O J O X U O E K Q

R N K F H E K K W R

Y U O Z J S Q Z E S H J P U

N K H J U C T J O H X

O H A U F K Q P S R E S 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

5. Clue: X = E

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J Y X X A J I O Q K U ,

W C Z Z T W J Y X X A

G R M J R K G O T J X J , R

L T F Y P X O X J Y X X A J

E T B I R E A X G Z Q 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

6. Clue: M = T

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V M V E N V E R J T X H G C O

M Z G O L M Z H K H S M E

G Z J X Z S G V J B T M V Z S

Z G Z C J M J C M I T S N

U Z J M 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

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. "If the wolf would cease his running, the people would cease their shouting."

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

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

2. "Nothing in the world more subtle than the process of their gradual change!"

— *George Eliot, 1872, Middlemarch*

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

3. "There is no danger of your not being intelligible, which is the first thing."

— *Jane Austen, 1815, Emma*

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

4. "Oh, what a deal of scorn looks beautiful in the contempt and anger of his lip!"

— *William Shakespeare, 1601, Twelfth Night, Act III. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses, A box where sweets compacted lie."

— *George Herbert, 1633, The Temple, Virtue (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "It is disgraceful to fly to events for confirmation of our truth and worth."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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