

Hard Cryptograms — Set 122

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: Y = E

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V R S M C Q A F Y

L B H C X Y P R G M B L

S Y Y O , Q L C H T R Y B

G M B L X M P R T , L P A L

H M M A N Y K R G M B

Y W Y B .

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: M = I

Hard · 61 letters

K G S M B K L I M H R B

E D S Y S G H I N O S A

E M F D D M N E M R U N

K R B B H N F I S O N O S A

E M F D D M N C H K 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: C = O

Hard · 61 letters

C B Y A B J O I T J J O I

H N T Z O T Q K C Z

Z O L N H O J I C H H C

F B T J H O C I , A B H H C

D Y C R T C B Y P O L N H .

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: E = O

Hard · 61 letters

N F E H T F W S M M O E Q

A S P F S J U M N X S O Q U Z

O N A H M N Q E N V X U S D

E H X V E Q Z M E L

S L L U Y N O E 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

5. Clue: W = I

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F M A G Y F K H Q F W I

I R S W J I C S W Y O W G

F V V Y X F Y B R

H R G W I R, F K H C K

Y X W G B R E A G Y

W K G W G 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

6. Clue: C = E

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F C N K J C Y C K I B C G

L M S C Z X L X A C B V M Q

L N C F M I Y G ,

P C P S C I V M Q L N C

N H P K B Z M P P H B X L D .

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. "It would be argument for a week, laughter for a month, and a good jest for ever."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I, Act II. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Avoid a friend who covers you with his wings and destroys you with his beak."

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

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

3. "Our business in the field of fight is not to question, but to prove our might."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer* (Pope's translation), Book XX. Line 304 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1861, *First Inaugural Address*

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

5. "A just and fair reciprocity is all that we desire, and on this we must insist."

— James K. Polk, 1847, *Third Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1945, *Fourth Inaugural Address*

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