

Hard Cryptograms — Set 125

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: M = O

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G H L A H O H Q W H O I L

X M P D X G H L B M M V L

O M F M U I, D P O A G I Q

X M P V Q M F V, H O

Q I W I C H L T O G M U 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

2. Clue: W = E

Hard · 62 letters

M O W Y G W C M Y A L J I W

S L I B W K H K B E

H W X W E L I B G Y K G Y C

H W I M L G X

L D F G K Z I W X U W X J N

L I 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

3. Clue: S = E

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I S R W Q Z R U A S

M P D S J X Q D J

Y P L Q Y S P D Z T D M I S

I L W N X V U O S Z V S D P

V S N Y D J

U X O S P Q D Z 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

4. Clue: W = O

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Q B Z H H X G D J D Z K

I D K D S H Z J Q P E

G W H Q C Z J O , X W

O S W K X I W V H C U D Z O

X D C Q W V O Z O X W

I W K 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

5. Clue: C = I

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G N L P B F C N B S N K I Z

M N X O G B P G Z O J E C B O

U O N U F P L D C E P I P G Z

W O E B C N G P I

Z C R C W C N G W .

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: X = E

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B X J I B J D K I P H X

A T F K X B T F J L N P G X

W K ; B X L F O F A

J I B J D K I P H X A T F K X

B T F N B X J L N P G 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

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. "His wit invites you by his looks to come, But when you knock, it never is at home."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782), Conversation. Line 303 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "The inestimable value of our Federal Union is felt and acknowledged by all."

— James K. Polk, 1845, *Inaugural Address*

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

3. "We must make friends in prosperity if we would have their help in adversity."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)*

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

4. "If all the year were playing holidays, To sport would be as tedious as to work."

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

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

5. "No patriot would foment and excite geographical and sectional divisions."

— James K. Polk, 1848, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "We always like those who admire us; we do not always like those whom we admire."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, *Maximes, 294 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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