

Hard Cryptograms — Set 126

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: E = T

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H O I W G S L N P S E G G R W E K

 W E X A W E G X C X P W R P R K,

 E V B X X E E G X W I L I A V L

 E G X I A M R L C M R P 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

2. Clue: D = E

Hard · 62 letters

P O D Z K X E D A H Y U D S Z F

 W J N Q K T J Y U D X D U U

 P O Q K T Q U P O J P Z K D

 J V W Q F D U Q P Q K P D K U D X E.

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 = T

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C O M I N X M N J J B Y Q C O N C

J V X Z M B C G B C O C H H

F V Y O , N J C O M I C O N C

J C N X P M G B C O K H C O B K S .

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: Y = E

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I P " A V J U Z F , A Y Y X Z F ,

L Y V B M N W B Z Z F L Z B Y ! " V O

O I E Y I R Y O I E Y D P Y J Y

O N R H O V L I B M M P Y O U 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

5. Clue: P = E

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W R D R B P S R V Q Y H

F R I W J S U G R I D C

C P D Y N P S T J P D U

F T D F I D T J P J Q P B T D I P

R V J Q P I W Y R 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: M = E

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N J G F I K M Y P S N O X J M

H Z X J M K U J M Y X J M E C K M

E Z S Y T , C Y I X J M R C X J M K

U J M Y X J M E C K M Z F 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. "Brushing with hasty steps the dewes away, To meet the sun upon the upland lawn."

— Thomas Gray, 1751, *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard, Elegy in a Country Churchyard. Stanza 25* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The only excuse for making a useless thing is that one admires it intensely."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

3. "They are as sick that surfeit with too much, as they that starve with nothing."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice, Act I. Sc. 2* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Oh "darkly, deeply, beautifully blue!" As some one somewhere sings about the sky."

— Lord Byron, 1819, *Don Juan, Canto IV. Stanza 110* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "No lover of his country would deliberately calculate the value of the Union."

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

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

6. "Children suck the mother when they are young, and the father when they are old."

— English proverb, 1859, *Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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