

Hard Cryptograms — Set 127

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: H = N

Hard · 63 letters

H E R S Q H D Q K R S P U P R E

I E J P , Y H N H E R S Q H D

B Y K R , W F R Y H P R P U H Y G

H E X N E P K Y G X Y V K G Y K R .

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: Z = E

Hard · 63 letters

Z K Y N Z B Z A O L L R Y X N Z

 Z W X R I C M M S D N M S X P Z ;

 Z K Y N Z B Z A O L B R L

 P M L P X N Y M C Z L Z N R I

 X A Z .

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: E = R

Hard · 63 letters

F W E M E F G M H , Q F D E

 I F W X K O L E M Q O K L I F H G ,

 B C E D G S U L I H D O K E M B N

 U D X K O O K L I L H N U F H G .

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: A = E

Hard · 63 letters

K Y A Z A J T A K H W

T A G D M B M B Q X H F B Q M Z

B A O A T K H Y D O A D B

A G H K M H B K Y D K M Z

F B L A J H G M B 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: E = O

Hard · 63 letters

M E H X R D V J P V M Z V

J M M J R Z Q V X M E W E A D

B V E B Y V M E M Z V A X H E X ,

E A D Y J N P P Z E A Y F O V

C A P M .

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: A = E

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I P J G Z A ' W N B W V I R A B P
 X G N A L W A J M F A W B G J ,
 L A B W I P V U A R B L X , D S V
 C B W W G I P G W V U A Y B J A .

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. "Nothing is there to come, and nothing past, But an eternal now does always last."

— Abraham Cowley, 1656, *Davideis*, Book I. Line 25 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Extremes in Nature equal good produce; Extremes in man concur to general use."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays*, Epistle III. Line 161 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Aurora now, fair daughter of the dawn, Sprinkled with rosy light the dewy lawn."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer* (Pope's translation), Book VIII. Line 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The secret of remaining young is never to have an emotion that is unbecoming."

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

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

5. "To increase the attachment of our people to the Union, our laws should be just."

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

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

6. "On life's vast ocean diversely we sail, Reason the card, but passion is the gale."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man*, Epistle II. Line 107 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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