

Hard Cryptograms — Set 13

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: G = O

Hard · 40 letters

K G R H , R P K G V K L !

M G G J T N M L Q , O Y H H Q

D V J N H O ; M G G J

T N M L 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

2. Clue: R = E

Hard · 40 letters

X I X M C E I R U R W D

L B R M I X E C I S Q I

Z R M R W U R M Q C

Q C M O 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

3. Clue: V = E

Hard · 40 letters

Q T Z O V U Q W W V K V E

C M O V O Q W G S X Z W J ,

Z Y X V X Q O X Z U O V C 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

4. Clue: S = N

Hard · 40 letters

S Q B O D S E D N P Q S M

R O D A M N Q I M B O D S E

J M I F D S N K S P Q S 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

5. Clue: L = T

Hard · 41 letters

Y L Y Q J X L L G M G X X S

X O L G M O X V , E B L

L G M E H Y L L G H L

D B O M 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

6. Clue: H = E

Hard · 41 letters

O Z H

L V B H A W O C V B R V K R W

C M N C S W O Z H B L D H

F Q O Z H Z H C A O .

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. "Come, my coach! Good night, sweet ladies; good night."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act IV. Sc. 5 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "It is not every question that deserves an answer."

— Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, *Sententiae (Maxims)*, 581 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "A wise man never loses anything, if he has himself."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays*, Book I, Chap. xxxviii. *Of Solitude* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Nothing is done while something remains undone."

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

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

5. "It is not the hook or the rod, but the bait that lures."

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

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

6. "The understanding is always the dupe of the heart."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, *Maximes*, 102 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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