

Hard Cryptograms — Set 130

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: A = T

Hard · 64 letters

A Y V K E R O E V G A Y Q E T O Y

A Y V S E Q L H L I I E V G L E A

V H A , J T A J Q T G Y V G X A

I E P L P X A Y Y X G A H X U .

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: P = T

Hard · 64 letters

F E M W H E P Y V E O E T F H P

D G V R J C Y P P G P W B J F H A ,

- P G V F H A F V P W E P B P

D G V R J G H O B R F B P J F O K .

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: K = O

Hard · 64 letters

K , P K O D G H K M D ! L M G K O Q

I Z C X - Y Q O O B N K H G I K X

L H Q Z E G K G I A D

A O G K C Q H Z L C Q E Q Z C K X

D Z T U !

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: Q = T

Hard · 64 letters

K B C Q F Q T C O F B C S K I Z T Q

Q S T R X M O F P K Q K T C

M K Z S Q , B T Y T M O K B W

F L X D Q Q S T O X M F P K Q K T C .

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: K = E

Hard · 64 letters

Q T D M J A V R F K V Z G K J A M J
 M U L T G A R T Q , T C Y
 Y K V K J N K V S Z L F R F K
 F A B F K J L M C V A Y K J T R A M C .

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: N = E

Hard · 64 letters

G N S N U C E J B P G ; G N W E U
 D S N U F H Y E N S R N S , U A C
 G N M H H Q E Z B W F N
 F G S H B D G F G N C N N C E H O
 J N 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. "The fox goes through the corn and does not eat, but brushes it down with his tail."

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

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

2. "Each natural agent works but to this end, - To render that it works on like itself."

— George Chapman, 1607, *Bussy D'Ambois*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "O, monstrous! but one half-pennyworth of bread to this intolerable deal of sack!"

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I*, Act II. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "In statesmanship get the formalities right, never mind about the moralities."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

5. "Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1861, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "He reads much; He is a great observer, and he looks Quite through the deeds of men."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Julius Caesar*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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