

Hard Cryptograms — Set 131

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: S = O

Hard · 64 letters

A S L S A X W S T L H C X W C A

S V T T S V M B - C P O J A G

P L S T E L B W Y J L B S Q

G V L E H J P L B W H J E L S

M O S T 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

2. Clue: O = E

Hard · 64 letters

M X Y K E P X H L E V E O ,

L E K G G G O L L E D O

M V E K X M , Y V M F O

K M C B H O A F P E D O

O M I X H Y O N O M E X I G V J .

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: D = E

Hard · 65 letters

D B D N T K H D P D D A P Q K

W L H G C L P M Z D Y P O N D Y H G

C L P Y G B Y H Q Y V D Y Q Q C D

D J M D H P D K W K Q C D N P .

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: K = I

Hard · 65 letters

Y Z K S , Y D J M Y Z K S , X M

 L D Z J M G D Z J V A F U O K S E

 F A Z F I N K G G L A K V A U S N M

 V D S F J D G K S F A D X K S 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

5. Clue: A = E

Hard · 65 letters

T E X A B D E A C O A E H G

 S H H M P B P P T O A L W A

 J B D A , B P A T E T J W P B D A

 L W A Y T B D C K B E P H G L W A

 G B K D .

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: Q = E

Hard · 65 letters

O E Q J Q M O F I G A X M O

J Q F S O C W S D O E C I N M C I

O E Q V X P D G Y F I I X O J Q

M Q Q I I X P Q U Q I

O X S Y E Q 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

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. "Not once or twice in our rough-island story the path of duty was the way to glory."

— Alfred Tennyson, 1852, *Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington, Stanza 8* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "No city or State, still less the Nation, can be injured by the enforcement of law."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1903, *Third Annual Message to Congress*

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

3. "Everyone seeks to find his pleasure and his advantage at the expense of others."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, *Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims* (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)

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

4. "Vain, very vain, my weary search to find that bliss which only centres in the mind."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1764, *The Traveller, Line 423* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Unlearned men of books assume the care, As eunuchs are the guardians of the fair."

— Edward Young, 1728, *Love of Fame, the Universal Passion, Satire II. Line 83* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen nor even touched."

— Helen Keller, 1903, *Letter to Rev. Phillips Brooks, in The Story of My Life*

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