

# Hard Cryptograms — Set 134

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: C = D

Hard · 66 letters

U W X B P C M E H T F X U B ,

D L X K L C X C P E M T E J

V W E F E P A , M L B D E W F C

L O C D O P M B C H O P T O P

X C F B N E P 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

2. Clue: U = E

Hard · 66 letters

A Y J X M F , D Y B M I A K J U M ,

X M S G Y W U A F ! E U X A J U

O Y A J K D X B F U , X M S H U

F R G U M I I E X I K Y B J X K

E U X 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

3. Clue: P = E

Hard · 66 letters

A J P Z C J P V H N S L T H Q P

H D C H E C J P

T H D Z T K V - J H D L P , C J P B

F N P A K L P N C J F Z A J P Z

C J P B A P Z C K 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

4. Clue: V = A

Hard · 66 letters

R J W Q W A D I X N F J V T

S V Q F J W L M Y V Y L M Y, V Y L

N R T T R W A J V T W E V X R W L

K Q W W L M S V Y L J D S V Y N R 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

5. Clue: C = E

Hard · 66 letters

G C T J O K, Z O T E G D W C T

W G O M W G C X T D B C M F M Q E,

C I L H C I F T D S G W I C C W Q Z

X C J C M J N X Q C F N D C H X.

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: Z = E

Hard · 66 letters

T F U Z    G A C I Z E N    G F Q Z    G X  
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 E Z H B O    I X Q Z G A F O T    O Z L  
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 H O S    T X X S ,    H O S    D Z H I Z    G X  
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 K Z    L A F B E Z S    H B X J O S .  
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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  
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**Solver's cheat sheet**

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| <b>Most common letters</b>        | E T A O I N S H R D L U                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Most common 1-letter words</b> | A I                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Most common 2-letter words</b> | OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US<br>AM                                                                                    |
| <b>Most common 3-letter words</b> | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET<br>HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT<br>SAY SHE TOO USE |
| <b>Common double letters</b>      | LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Common word endings</b>        | -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST                                                                                                                         |
| <b>After an apostrophe</b>        | 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. "Friend to my life, which did not you prolong, The world had wanted many an idle song."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot, Prologue to the Satires*. Line 27 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Romans, countrymen, and lovers! hear me for my cause, and be silent that you may hear."

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

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

3. "When the lords come out of the council-house, they are wiser than when they went in."

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

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

4. "The Republic has marched on and on, and its step has exalted freedom and humanity."

— William McKinley, 1901, *Second Inaugural Address*

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

5. "Her cap, far whiter than the driven snow, Emblems right meet of decency does yield."

— William Shenstone, 1742, *The Schoolmistress, Stanza 6* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Give thyself time to learn something new and good, and cease to be whirled around."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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