

# Hard Cryptograms — Set 137

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: Q = A

Hard · 66 letters

B Y U P O Q R T F W Q A B D U

F U Q W E Q M U V F X E Q Z B B N ;

W F U V U G B Y P E Q P V F X E ;

Q Y P Q W F X O P P O B S Y V

F X 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: G = O

Hard · 66 letters

S K I G A X Q G E O Z L S G Q

Z C R A R S U, Z L X S K I

U G W L B Q G E O Z L S G Q

T L G O A I X B I, A I S S K R L B J

C I A G J S.

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: O = E

Hard · 66 letters

I N Y M J N F P Z X O W N O Y X

M N O F X R Y X O W M T T Y G H G

M N O A F X O T F Z O M N O G

X O R O Y M F W M N O

N F U N I Y 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: H = E

Hard · 66 letters

Z J J F Z D D H V Q K R Q J H F D

D Q D R H D R H X Z R Y Z J E H L

Q D Y N H R P A U H T Y, A P Y G

A H J G H S H L D Q D H Q K G 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

5. Clue: B = E

Hard · 67 letters

R Z L B Z F B G E P B C B, G F K

Q G Q B L H Z F B G E P P G F K,

W P B C L G U B, L B E Z W B, G F K

Y G K K B F L J S F K W P B

A G F 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

6. Clue: M = H

Hard · 67 letters

S M Y U B M Z Z I V Z N , K F S M  
 M F U U J S B M Y I F G M F U  
 M J G L , K M F U S I F G Q J I Z R L  
 S Z V Y J H M F U B Z R H J Q Y  
 R 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

**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. "One draught above heat makes him a fool; the second mads him; and a third drowns him."

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

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

2. "The old for want of ability, and the young for want of knowledge, let things be lost."

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

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

3. "What children hear their parents say by the fireside they repeat in the highway."

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

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

4. "All manner of solemn nonsense was talked on the subject, but I believed none of it."

— Jane Austen, 1815, *Emma*

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

5. "Fire in each eye, and papers in each hand, They rave, recite, and madden round the land."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot*, Prologue to the *Satires*. Line 5 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The schoolboy, with his satchel in his hand, Whistling aloud to bear his courage up."

— Robert Blair, 1743, *The Grave*, Part I. Line 58 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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