

Hard Cryptograms — Set 138

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: Z = E

Hard · 67 letters

K I Z A K Z H Z U C G Z J X

N X A D C A Z X Y G K X G H U , K Z

N X V V X A S L U O L J I Z L O G Z

U E X M Z A Y A H Z G J I Z

G X U 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

2. Clue: H = E

Hard · 67 letters

X K H D H Q X P L E T H Q K J M H

H M H O D H H C A Y O H W Y Q X X Y

E S Q I F J S W J C R

S W W L C S X R A O Y W

I O S X S I S Q 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: U = E

Hard · 67 letters

G O C N T O C D G R P U M G T Y

F Z P U M Z N T I U F L U

D G F L U D G F T E M F L G F T F

E G O O U Q U K P U W J N N R

N U G K O F .

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: A = U

Hard · 67 letters

W A E T X A Z I N C S B A F K D V T

 E X T X A Z I N E , N C S

 P V X G V T F C T X A Z W A Z P U ,

 N C S T X A G F V V E N D U C X

 I N Z R .

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: Z = T

Hard · 67 letters

Z F W R T B W M E W T O X W R

 N O V , C I Z Z B I X H R J H Z X ,

 - P W M L R Q H A O N K X

 Z B X H R N M , C I Z Z F X

 Z B H W Z N B F H Z 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: M = A

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D L B G L O O H C Y M Y L S F

H M G D Q M S W I M F F M A H

F D P C , M C Q D L R Q Y D H Z S

J M S Y D Z C A G M C Q R H Y L

Y D H F P 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

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. "When we desire to confine our words, we commonly say they are spoken under the rose."

— Sir Thomas Browne, 1646, *Pseudodoxia Epidemica (Vulgar Errors)* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The best judges have ever been foremost to disclaim any immunity from criticism."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1906, *Sixth Annual Message to Congress*

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

3. "Angling may be said to be so like the mathematics that it can never be fully learnt."

— Izaak Walton, 1653, *The Complete Angler, Author's Preface* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Put your hand quickly to your hat, and slowly in your purse, and you will take no harm."

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

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

5. "This principle is old, but true as fate, - Kings may love treason, but the traitor hate."

— Thomas Dekker, 1604, *The Honest Whore, Part I. Act IV. Sc. 4* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "How commentators each dark passage shun, And hold their farthing candle to the sun."

— Edward Young, 1728, *Love of Fame, the Universal Passion, Satire VII. Line 97* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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