

Hard Cryptograms — Set 139

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: W = E

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B D G H S , P W B B W Z B K H X

W A W Z P W C D Z W , Y W E X D Y

B K W H Q I N Z H B N D X Q D C

K M L H X E N X G , H X G Q K H Z W

B K W L .

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: D = E

Hard · 68 letters

G P D A O I G E O N Q D Y W C D J

 Y W C A N D G D ; G P D Y I W W F D H ,

 J G I O E M P G ; G P D D C A G K ,

 S X N N ; G P D L W I R W X G ,

 R D L .

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: C = E

Hard · 68 letters

G C X F E C L N D T C F K Q J C

 A L O X A L Y A L U N P F

 V C L C E N T C L S C O X F O A K

 N L T I Z C F K Q J C W V I A O K

 G N J Y 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

4. Clue: J = N

Hard · 68 letters

L T Z H U Z C R F K I Y J T F J Z ,

 T J J F R U J R U Y J X L U Y Q C L ;

 Y J X L T Z H U Z C A T R L U Z ,

 T W J F A Y J R U F V O U Y Q C L .

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 = A

Hard · 68 letters

O S Z T Q K U S K D C M S K Q Z Y ,

 W E T H L L W I Q S , M W Z Y

 O G K U S ; W E D H Z , I V K D V

 J S K D L O S Z M S K Q Z Y K D C

 T Q K U 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

6. Clue: H = A

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A O N A T O Q I H Q R H W O A Z Y L
H J O T D W O M H Y Q N Y E N F L
Q I H Q A Z Q U N A A O J L N Y
Q I O J H D T J N H C Q J H U W L .

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. "Today, better than ever before, we know the aspirations of humankind, and share them."

— Warren G. Harding, 1921, *Inaugural Address*

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

2. "The partial becomes complete; the crooked, straight; the empty, full; the worn out, new."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

3. "We have no pleasure in thinking of a benevolence that is only measured by its works."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *Essays: Second Series*

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

4. "His best companions, innocence and health; And his best riches, ignorance of wealth."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, *The Deserted Village*, Line 61 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Get place and wealth, if possible, with grace; If not, by any means get wealth and place."

— Alexander Pope, 1738, *Imitations of Horace, Satires, Epistles, and Odes of Horace. Epistle I. Book I. Line 103* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "People that make puns are like wanton boys that put coppers on the railroad tracks."

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1858, *The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table, I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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