

Hard Cryptograms — Set 14

6 puzzles · Large 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: F = E

Hard · 41 letters

Z D H J C U H F N Z P P

J C L F K F E Z U Y, N J X,

H J C U H F K C X H Q R N U

K 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

2. Clue: S = N

Hard · 41 letters

H E K S V U T M B J L U N D ,

K S W D M J Y B S U I X N N

H E K S V U I X Y E T M B .

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: H = T

Hard · 41 letters

V J H M C X S D H U J O O

G X C P G D O Z C X V L D H G

U R Y X H G D V A H R 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

4. Clue: J = S

Hard · 41 letters

V F P V I P O V I J F J

I T A P V F X Y A F J T A P

J C P J P C Q Q

V C L J F Q H .

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: M = E

Hard · 41 letters

U W U L W Q M

B G L W M A - E Q M M Z W Q G W

B G X M L W Q M B U Z Z C H

A H F R 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

6. Clue: S = E

Hard · 41 letters

U S K U Q J F D P S M D W P

B Q Q A D U S W A D L Q A S

P U W M U S B S D F A S 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

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. "If chance will have me king, why, chance may crown me."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Change yourself, and fortune will change with you."

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

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

3. "Nature fits all her children with something to do."

— James Russell Lowell, 1848, *A Fable for Critics* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "He that chases another does not sit still himself."

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

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

5. "It is the master-wheel that makes the mill go round."

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

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

6. "He who listens at doors hears more than he desires."

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

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