

Hard Cryptograms — Set 141

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: V = E

Hard · 69 letters

M I T K X C D L E V X S D ,

T V W T V X E V X C D L E V

O T V V G V , Z Q N M X C D L E V

X L I T X , I D H O Q N X X N K X

C D L E V L T V V 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

2. Clue: E = O

Hard · 69 letters

K E A G S I A B B G Q Y

O E D X E O Y R L E D E H

O Y C A L C R C R E T Q C E G X Q

R P Q L T S Q F T Q Q C E H

O E D C Y D F A L D L R 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

3. Clue: J = E

Hard · 69 letters

G A J M J Z M J E J V U A Q

C Q V ' G E P V C Z K Q B G

K J P V W S P F S J C K T B J P I

G A J N F Z V Q V T N W J G

G Z T S J C Z K Q B 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: R = E

Hard · 69 letters

J C W D I R M Q R N V O E R W C I Z

S W F C O T N C K W O E W S O E R

I W A R T C M O E R

H L N C P N H I R V W S E F U T C

I N K R L O 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

5. Clue: B = A

Hard · 69 letters

O Q I Y F I R Z F V C X R K F

Q B F B W I G O B U P H R N I G

R Z I C B P W U H B O U R P B P M

I J Q U K B G B O U R P Z R G B K K

C I P .

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: R = A

Hard · 69 letters

R J R S L K F P E V R U Q Q H

W H J U C R L S H Y Q M P

L S X E R Q L Q Z B P H Y Q M H K P

G M H M R F P E L K P S Y R E

R T H F P M L J .

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. "Warms in the sun, refreshes in the breeze, Glows in the stars, and blossoms in the trees."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle I. Line 271* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Would puzzle a convocation of casuists to resolve their degrees of consanguinity."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1605, *Don Quixote, Part I, Book III. Chap. VIII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "There are men who don't mind about being kicked blue if they can only get talked about."

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

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

4. "Knowledge is the only fountain both of the love and the principles of human liberty."

— Daniel Webster, 1843, *Completion of Bunker Hill Monument, June 17, 1843. P. 93* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The use of symbols has a certain power of emancipation and exhilaration for all men."

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

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

6. "A man is very apt to complain of the ingratitude of those who have risen far above him."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. VI. Chap. IV. 1776* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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