

Hard Cryptograms — Set 142

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: S = E

Hard · 70 letters

J T Y H G P W P R S N H O U

B R N S W L S C T G S B A S R G

P S H B A W ; B A S F H Q R H O B

O S F S G B H W B S T C P S H B A

L Z B T O 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

2. Clue: Y = E

Hard · 70 letters

L X L A Y E P X N ' A Y M Y ;

U W W C L K T L K X W D N L H N

X N Y R Y N W U V Y P

G Y E A J P Y A X N Y V Y Z X N W I

N L A W D K K E X J P 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

3. Clue: Y = R

Hard · 70 letters

W H C Y E D V N K A G A G D Z V ,

W Y W H G Z W V N K A R Y G N Y V ,

U I G Z W , C X N J L , N K A O Y N E ,

U G Z I N X X Z I W G Y

Z Y F H B W Y 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

4. Clue: D = E

Hard · 70 letters

I C I M H I M Y M B J K W D I V
 K Y B Y M F I K S D O Y D K M Y R
 L D D B S X K K W D D H S R Y A D
 W I Z R X I B I M O
 X M I O D G Q I 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

5. Clue: V = T

Hard · 70 letters

J T W Y V ' R O D J B P H R D C H
 A N C J V G N V , D J B S G O N J B
 B D L R V D J B R V T X V G H G J
 V Y H Z T R V L
 Z G N J V D T J - V G X 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

6. Clue: U = E

Hard · 70 letters

J U K S O J S A W Z U K S C K U P

I N Z W L U X V I U

A S J U W N J U A R T

W Z V K A D Z U A A N K D J S A W

W Z L Q T M U E W W X U Q V 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 wordsOF 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. "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Julius Caesar*

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

2. "It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

3. "Embryos and idiots, eremites and friars, White, black, and gray, with all their trumpery."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book III. Line 474 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "A man can only speak so long as he does not feel his speech to be partial and inadequate."

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

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

5. "Night's candles are burnt out, and jocund day stands tiptoe on the misty mountain-tops."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act III. Sc. 5 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Men of most renowned virtue have sometimes by transgressing most truly kept the law."

— John Milton, 1645, *Tetrachordon* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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