

Hard Cryptograms — Set 143

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: K = T

Hard · 70 letters

V R B G L R G X N X N W R

K A N K Y R N O D K C C

T H S A K C I R V G D R,

N X O K A N K K A G X M D

K C C T H S A K C I R

I R N H K G Q H 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

2. Clue: Z = E

Hard · 70 letters

Y T H Z V O Z F J Z S U Z D V

I J Z V F J Z S H N S ,

Y T G Z N F S ! K M N I J M

Y M L Z O F J D F U X O F

K T N O F G Z I T O Z D V A

P M M A .

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 · 70 letters

F H F J W H D Y Z

J W X F V T H Q W H W E W V

E Y J H Z W H W L Z K P C R

J W G H M F H Q Q F J

R D F Z V U N Z R C D Z Q Z

P V C M J Q F 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: W = A

Hard · 70 letters

D P D Z I A W E S W M

R S T M K W J J N B R S D

H N L D Z R N X N

M N A D L S W R V E T O V D ,

W E X E N A W E S W M W E I

N R S D Z K W J J .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

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Y D K F K F U V J F D N

K D J F A D U Y F P T F U A F

W U L B F W J D I U F E F Y

L B V U W U L B F F E F Y

D N L B F W J

U F W O B S D J 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: Z = E

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D Q G R U O E Z K Q D Z
U Y O E U, - Y N Z X E Q U Z
O G T U Z Y, Y N Z X N O P Z
Y N Z L I E U N Q S I M
Y N Z L I E K T, A H Y G I
E Z S I 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

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

Answer key

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1. "We live in an age that reads too much to be wise, and that thinks too much to be beautiful."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

2. "License they mean when they cry, Liberty! For who loves that must first be wise and good."

— John Milton, 1673, *On the Detraction which followed upon my writing certain Treatises, which followed upon my writing certain Treatises* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "It is a true saying that a man must eat a peck of salt with his friend before he knows him."

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

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

4. "Every man has this call of the power to do somewhat unique, and no man has any other call."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

5. "Some men are of more consequence in their own eyes than in the eyes of their neighbors."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

6. "Kings are like stars, - they rise and set, they have the worship of the world, but no repose."

— *Percy Bysshe Shelley, 1822, Hellas, Line 195 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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