

Hard Cryptograms — Set 144

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: U = T

Hard · 70 letters

U D V L V A E K I U D A K X E I

V H E T J Y U U D H U A U

J V B I Z V E M A G G A B Y S U

P D V K T I Y M I A U P A U D

L V S Y B U H K B V .

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

K W Z Z M V X O J R S N M C , W Z

Y J T Z E V M N S E W N M R

M Z U N E Z , F M Z J E R E R W Z

T Z Z C J H M , J C L K J M N O E

J E W Z A N Z 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

3. Clue: F = I

Hard · 71 letters

Q W N S K C U J H W Z W P N X V

X H V R S F H Y Q F R S X H X F P

K B X C R S K P F R V , H K P

N S K Q X H V N C L W P F K P F R V

K B G F H 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

4. Clue: F = E

Hard · 71 letters

N D F B M X C P W

Q P E C Q L F E Q F , X D L Q D X F

K I F N F E T N P S F T F I L Y F T

W I P A E M N G I F , K I P Q F F T

W I P A Q G C N P 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

5. Clue: J = E

Hard · 71 letters

I V J K T L P M J U

D L G M D R J G D J L X

V P C K G R I E H R N N G L I

F J T C R I X K R N P T J R G

I V R M M P F T J C J

J G U J K A L T .

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: B = E

Hard · 71 letters

F B G X D B Y G U R B F X Y G
X E Y W B , C T U U R B J I B D B
F X Z B L B H B D X E Y G P D Z B D
U R X U U R B J F Y S R U C B
H X D Y P T 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. "There is nothing so easy but that it becomes difficult when you do it with reluctance."

— Terence, 163 BC, *Heautontimoroumenos* (*Heauton Timorumenos*), Act IV. Sc. 6, 1. (805) (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Cheerful at morn, he wakes from short repose, Breasts the keen air, and carols as he goes."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1764, *The Traveller*, Line 185 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "We should never say anything with an air of authority, nor show any superiority of mind."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, *Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims* (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)

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

4. "The laws of conscience, which we pretend to be derived from nature, proceed from custom."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays*, Book I, Chap. XXII. *Of Custom* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The aroused conscience of humanity will not permit failure in this supreme endeavor."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1945, *State of the Union Address*

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

6. "Men are in the main alike, but they were made several in order that they might be various."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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