

Hard Cryptograms — Set 147

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: A = E

Hard · 73 letters

E X A S Q D S T H N N X E S

O N A D P S Q D S K D C W A

T Q A I A H X Q H W

S E X V C A R C W S U A

K E X J C S A P U F Q H W

K E X W K H A X K 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

2. Clue: L = E

Hard · 73 letters

B O K N C N S X M L O M Q S

M R S G L H B F A G M

H L B F O L I L U Q S N M F ,

A G N U G M Q S - Z N J L O

S G L H M O S Q F S N H L Z W

L F V N F 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

3. Clue: G = A

Hard · 73 letters

E G V G P I G C G H W R L

M L K W Q V J T L W R G W

D J E L X E E L V K J K

W R L O R G P O L W X

C X V B R G V I G W C X V B

C X V W R I 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

4. Clue: D = A

Hard · 73 letters

E K F Y G K T Z E X Q D

W Z A J X O E D M M D A ,

L Z A J D W X R K S I

Y G D S W K F T X X F , -

E K F Y G K T , D Q T A D J ,

D Q T Q X J G H Q N S X F K .

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 = E

Hard · 73 letters

Q I A F Q I H B K F R B

U B L J B O R Q P I H E B

E P G J K Y F X B E Z B I

Z F J L P G U

X I P E J B K V B E B Y G H R

H I F R O Z , I P R R F X 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

6. Clue: W = E

Hard · 73 letters

L W O W O C L R X V W R X J

L W U N W V I G P X Q P S

R N N G W J ! S Q R I I Q G X

Y R L I G I G P X T T W X T W

U L P O I Q P Z E Q I

J G H G J W !

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. "One that will not plead that cause wherein his tongue must be confuted by his conscience."

— Thomas Fuller, 1642, *The Holy and Profane State, The Good Advocate* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "A spirit goes out of the man who means execution, which out-lives the most untimely ending."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

3. "Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1903, *Address to the New York State Agricultural Association, Syracuse, N.Y., September 7, 1903*

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

4. "Perched upon a bust of Pallas, just above my chamber door, - Perched, and sat, and nothing more."

— Edgar Allan Poe, 1845, *The Raven* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "In vain sedate reflections we would make when half our knowledge we must snatch, not take."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays, Epistle I. Line 39* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Remembrance and reflection how allied! What thin partitions sense from thought divide!"

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle I. Line 225* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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