

Hard Cryptograms — Set 148

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: D = A

Hard · 73 letters

D S D F A H D X S Q D S F L Q U D Q

P L M X S E I X Q U D

F N O Z V X O L S Q X E E H B L Q N

C L K L V N Z X S Q N D B L D V

Y B X L S C E U X 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

2. Clue: R = E

Hard · 74 letters

P H R Z R I J W Q

X I V R Z Y Q B V A Z J K J D Y

U R Y V W U T Z J E Q, O W I Z Q

E V C B J Z R D J S R, E V C B

J Z R I R Q R Z C U R Z C H D J E Q.

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 = N

Hard · 74 letters

G P G Z P E S J O V G W V I Z V J

H V G T I U C F S Z J V J F W Z

E P S G F V U G - M Z G, P C W V K E

U F J O S J J Z Q G Z J J; D S F

A Z O V G F C 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

4. Clue: H = E

Hard · 74 letters

C X H T F K J X B S H D P C X H

 S H W O X D I J D A K R B V R A W Z

 C D C X H Q J P Q J T C P F A R C ,

 F W K O Q C X H J H K Q W C X H Q J

 I J Q K H .

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 · 74 letters

V K N R O I E P S A V K I

 L G G P R O D V K V K I V D W I ,

 S M X V K I R E D Z D V R G L

 V K I O D R I R D V D M V K I

 Y P G N X R S M X W G Y U N 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: S = N

Hard · 74 letters

L T L R S N F S T C T Y K X R S R

J A S B J A B F Z ; L T Z R S S A N

I R Y O A S N W T R G P T S Z T A V

F N , G D N F N X D P N S A N G T

P I A E T 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

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. "An acquaintance that begins with a compliment is sure to develop into a real friendship."

— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *An Ideal Husband*

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

2. "A generous friendship no cold medium knows, Burns with one love, with one resentment glows."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation), Book IX. Line 725 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "None of us can have as many virtues as the fountain-pen, or half its cussedness; but we can try."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

4. "The sad rhyme of the men who proudly clung to their first fault, and withered in their pride."

— Robert Browning, 1835, *Paracelsus, Part IV (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Thus we play the fools with the time, and the spirits of the wise sit in the clouds and mock us."

— William Shakespeare, 1598, *King Henry IV, Part II, Act II. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "We want in every man a long logic; we cannot pardon the absence of it, but it must not be spoken."

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

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