

Hard Cryptograms — Set 149

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: J = E

Hard · 75 letters

W Y J A D C Y D J V M C Q A V J

W K M P D J A V J I D V Y L C B

V M R J U Y A , S Y L C B P A N J

G Z Y O Z O V M A A V J I

B P D S K J J A C I N C Y 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: I = E

Hard · 75 letters

A M Y G I I F W S F A M L E I
 S A Q B M G F G M T I J I K U A
 J I S G M A , E K R I G Y I I F
 L I E E G N S A U E I Q , M P F M H
 F P A I S A Q W S J G 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

3. Clue: R = E

Hard · 75 letters

U Q Z A X D R I Z G H X R K R G S .
 L D I P F H J R G C G R Z S U
 V H Q Q A U X N D G U Q Z
 G N U R G ; S N R M O R X R
 R H G D R G S A U X N D G A R R 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

4. Clue: V = E

Hard · 75 letters

W N V N L M W N D Y O J Q G N ,

M S W N G V L W G J V O V L W N

W N V G N L C V , X D Y

W L E P S O B L B V L O C

M N S G T V Y S O B E D H V Y G

A L C 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

5. Clue: P = E Hard · 76 letters

Hard · 76 letters

Q W P A G L L G J P L Z B

L W G Y P L A P G E P Q W G Q S P

C Z L Q A E T U P S P E P M P N P E

F X Z Q P O X M Q T K S T Q W T M

Q W T L I P M Q X E 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

6. Clue: T = E

Hard · 76 letters

Z J D S U X D T I C Q T

I T X Y T U ; X R S Z W T D T

L W T O H J U L X M J G R S ,

H G A W K D G C L J K U T R U T

M T R T X L W C U D X D T I O

K J G R 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 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. "Poets lose half the praise they should have got, Could it be known what they discreetly blot."

— Edmund Waller, 1645, *Poems, Upon Roscommon's Translation of Horace, De Arte Poetica* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Now see that noble and most sovereign reason, Like sweet bells jangled, out of tune and harsh."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet, Act III. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Old friends are best. King James used to call for his old shoes; they were easiest for his feet."

— John Selden, 1689, *Table Talk, Friends* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The hawthorn bush, with seats beneath the shade, For talking age and whispering lovers made."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, *The Deserted Village, Line 13* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The passages of Shakespeare that we most prize were never quoted until within this century."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1876, *Letters and Social Aims, Quotation and Originality* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Words are like leaves; and where they most abound, Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found."

— Alexander Pope, 1711, *An Essay on Criticism, Part II. Line 109* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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