

Hard Cryptograms — Set 15

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: H = A

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H E V R U Z H E I Y E

C I P, E V P I D R E M

M K Y C X H C I P H C O

H Z M H C I P.

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: D = I

Hard · 41 letters

W K S Z I D B J U N V K

D E T Y U U D G A K Z Y

H D A D J K B X K N B H

U C D A 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: N = E

Hard · 41 letters

D Q C D Y Q E M Q E T

T D C X B N R C B N F F I

Y E U U F N J N K Z N C

B L V F 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

4. Clue: R = T

Hard · 41 letters

K V R C F A E A F Z C N R I P

E I M U N , M A R N E V P A

N V O J E V R X R J X M M .

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: S = T

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O G H S , O T W W S G M

W T V M L S D M S Q G I X S

S I S G M Q D H Q N I A

J I I 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

6. Clue: B = H

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B Q O T U H C C D G F C

T V D F B M H G L C M B H X

M L R H M B H D V

K U D F B M !

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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1862, *Second Annual Message to Congress*

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

2. "Few things are impossible to diligence and skill."

— Samuel Johnson, 1759, *Rasselas, Chap. XII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "That which is stamped a penny will never be a pound."

— Danish proverb, 1857, *Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

4. "Nature her custom holds, Let shame say what it will."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet, Act IV. Sc. 7* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "What, will the line stretch out to the crack of doom?"

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth, Act IV. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "How blessings brighten as they take their flight!"

— Edward Young, 1745, *Night Thoughts, Night II. Line 602* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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