

Hard Cryptograms — Set 153

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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: V = T

Hard · 80 letters

P L Z O V O F P L Z O V ,

L M K M A V V A Z D

G C B M R A B V A G V P D

H O M K A H Z U L M U E L M ,

Z B V I A L Y D K

K A H M F V L O S F L F V D Q

L V L V O E D .

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: P = E

Hard · 81 letters

B P A D R P M A R P L Z I

J P Z N , Q W P

T Y P Z I Z A Q T Y Z R P M H

Z Y Y H P I Q D B D Q O ,

Q W P N P B P Y M H Q W P

P Z N Q W , Q W P X Z I G F P

M H D Q Z Y O .

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: K = E

Hard · 82 letters

M R N U G J U S T G R S W K

F E N T J K S M R P J R K N ,

L E U J K Q K N G E S A K A

J R S J S I I J R K

S Q P G J I K G C P E I A

R S W K A P T K S G J R K Z

A U A .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Hard · 82 letters

R I U D C Y F J L P O L C

W N M J C Y L R D S L S N P

N U M S L Y P S F L C Y U

S M J M I E I P S Z S M J C M

N L , Z Y L Q S T I N L S U

K I P W I X L S U R I X S 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: L = T

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J K G U E R V T L V S U

R V K U H E G L M U Z E ;

I Y L L H J U L L C U

E Y Z Z F V Z Y U H E V

X H B B H Y N Y M L C V F U

M H N U I H Q B L H

Q G F G Q U G L A G L C .

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: L = A

Hard · 83 letters

F X I K L Y L P G X G L

Y R T D M L B U Y K U G

J L F C M U X W U G C K U

V M P T K R F O T S R U T,

L F Y Y L G S F R O K C

I R C K Y G L I F K U G

T L V M U W U R 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 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. "Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed downstairs a step at a time."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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

2. "Venice once was dear, The pleasant place of all festivity, The revel of the earth, the masque of Italy."

— Lord Byron, 1818, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage, Canto IV, Stanza 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Christians have burnt each other, quite persuaded that all the Apostles would have done as they did."

— Lord Byron, 1819, *Don Juan, Canto I. Stanza 83* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "We should try to find out what air is natural to us and never abandon it, but make it as perfect as we can."

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

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

5. "Grief can take care of itself; but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

6. "Now had Aurora displayed her mantle over the blushing skies, and dark night withdrawn her sable veil."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1605, *Don Quixote, Part I, Book III. Chap. VI* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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