

Hard Cryptograms — Set 154

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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: M = E

Hard · 83 letters

V O M M D N U K V N U K I ,

Y I X T Z D U M H E F

O U K V M Q K T W B M I X T Z

I E F A E F Q U E V M

D U M V M C K Z V ; V O M M D

N U K V N U K I , Y I X T Z

D U M H E F !

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: A = N

Hard · 84 letters

F Q Q G K Q X U Z A M

D B E O P D B J Q A S M

T P D N W , B G O K Z N P Q A ,

Z A G X Z A A B D J , Z A G

Y P N W D B F Z D G N Q

B G O K Z N P Q A P J A Q N

C B D M A P K 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

3. Clue: S = E

Hard · 84 letters

X J D M Q R Y D B B O S E Z

Q O E Q L S D H G S A R Z S

B O S M J Z S O J B Q O S P ;

J D P F O S Z S B O S M

S U I S Q B G J Q R D ,

X S S B F E B O G Z R L S D

G R D S 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

4. Clue: S = E

Hard · 84 letters

C W S W N M S X N V C W S

G S M T U H E B B R L L N C

V N G S I S G C N H S G R C S

S E C W S G

T L K S X S G I S K

M N I S G C Q N G

X S H V - X S G I E L J

O S R H C 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

5. Clue: G = T

Hard · 85 letters

G M O H O P G K B G W P G

W P A R G G M O I K A C M R

Q W V O P M W P O J O R A

L R P G O B W G J , H D G

G M O R A O C M R E R T O P

G M O L B K Z G W Z O R Q

M W P K B G .

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: R = E

Hard · 85 letters

P T A R D P G

R Q S V A R G E R H T

G R P D U I A J R G A I

I R P D V H T P U O H V A

S G G H E F H F V

X R V F R A F X R A Y R V R

U P J V P D R K D H F Z Y A

T H D A 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

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. "Sweet Phosphor, bring the day whose conquering ray may chase these fogs; Sweet Phosphor, bring the day!"

— Francis Quarles, 1635, *Emblems, Book I. Emblem 14* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "Good company requires only birth, education, and manners, and with regard to education is not very nice."

— Jane Austen, 1817, *Persuasion*

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

3. "Many count their chickens before they are hatched; and where they expect bacon, meet with broken bones."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1615, *Don Quixote, Part II, Chap. LV* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "The hopes of the Republic cannot forever tolerate either undeserved poverty or self-serving wealth."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1941, *Third Inaugural Address*

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

5. "The best artist is not the man who fixes his eye on posterity, but the one who loves the practice of his art."

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

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

6. "After an existence of nearly twenty years of almost innocuous desuetude these laws are brought forth."

— Grover Cleveland, 1886, *Message, March 1, 1886* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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