

Hard Cryptograms — Set 157

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: V = E

Hard · 93 letters

K N V V P Y V W K G U W F

G U X Z A E V A L K N V

L G J Z E K G K V, K N V

C S G E E A L L G E N J A U

G U X K N V D A O S X A L

L A Z D, K N V

A T E V Z B V X A L G S S

A T E V Z B V Z 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

2. Clue: R = I

Hard · 95 letters

R L Z H Q G R V R N Z H Q O

L O R D W S, X T Z W D D S

Z H Q J B H C H P R E D L H O

W H N T J G R W P

G R V R N D S T R K, J W S

X J V N D T R V N R K D

J W S S D L J I D Z H Q O

H X W J I N?

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: B = E

Hard · 95 letters

O B B W T E V Z J E G N

J Y Q S B O , P G V O G Q S

C O V S E G U C L B O V

F B V R G O V H L , G O B

O E P B J H L ,

N Y O V J Y P G V B

Q S B B J K G H H L , C T N

H B C X B

Q E T V B T V B N H L .

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: Q = I

Hard · 95 letters

D U H J T Z H O Q B Z O Q B

S I C I J C

E Q L Q N Q F O Z Q I B Z K U

O P U M J O Z U

H O Z U C Q O N A O T Q T

D Q Z K I J Z D K Q E K

Z K O Z

E Q L Q N Q F O Z Q I B E O B

B I Z U Y Q T 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

5. Clue: K = I

Hard · 96 letters

N B A K C I V K E S ,

D Q G K Q P K V Y K C E Q G U

F B K X W M K C T C T Q

E Q Q L R U A Q G K Y K R B E

G K D Q A C H , G I K L ,

M K C T R B C W V R M K V Y

K C , C T Q Q Y Y R U

L Q S R X A I X 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

6. Clue: I = E

Hard · 99 letters

Y I C K L Z V G I L K T I

B L R B X B R O K W A ; A U

K T I N O G N M B L A ; F O D

I X I T V N O G N M B L B L

D Q I C B I W R P U I A

D Q T U O P Q I X I T V

N U B L D U C N O G N M B L

Q B A D U T 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

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. "The expectancy and rose of the fair state, The glass of fashion and the mould of form, The observed of all observers!"

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

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

2. "If you visit your friend, why need you apologize for not having visited him, and waste his time and deface your own act?"

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

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

3. "Seek not proud riches, but such as thou mayest get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

4. "We must maintain for our civilization the adequate material basis without which that civilization can not exist."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1907, *Seventh Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "Puritanism, believing itself quick with the seed of religious liberty, laid, without knowing it, the egg of democracy."

— James Russell Lowell, 1870, *Among My Books, First Series. New England Two Centuries ago* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "We fancy men are individuals; so are pumpkins; but every pumpkin in the field goes through every point of pumpkin history."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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