

Hard Cryptograms — Set 162

5 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: B = I

Hard · 121 letters

Z A L R M F B C D Z P T R

F Y T T H B C D B C M A

R J B Z M R C I R, P C E

A M F R T Z P T R

F Y T T H B C D A Y M A N

B M; P C E A N M F P M

V F B I F B Z I A L B C D

B C M A R J B Z M R C I R

O P T M B Z P U T R P E H

R J M B C D Y B Z F R 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: C = O

Hard · 121 letters

R C X L C D L E Q

U F O F W B Q X, V J I

R V J K C D L E Q X C

G V U U Q I G C R D C W L X

C D U B D Q, V W Q J C L

C J U K J C L

B J I B X H Q J X V Y U Q,

Y F L H C X B L B M Q

E B J I W V J G Q X L C L E Q

Q U Q M V L B C J C D

R V J P B J I.

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: T = E

Hard · 124 letters

G B T I T G H I G

S H W I G T H W F ; . . . G B T

U W E Q D H N T F G ; . . .

G B T I T Q X J

S B W I X E F B ; . . . G B T

I T Q I H H R Y O X E O L G ; .

. . G B T

S H W L G T I S B T S Z

U W O I I T X F H D T ; . . .

G B T X E T P E G B

S E I S W D F G O L S T ; . . .

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: T = E

Hard · 125 letters

Q W R T G D C P F I G C T Z

G D Z W I C J W N D N I S T Q

J L P K L W D K T

Q G O T A I G N Z T Z C L T

C L N T G C T D T Z

N P A L C Q W O E N P X G C T

K P C P H T D Q, D W J

R T N T S M J W N V L G N R

C W C L T A T D T N G S

Y W Z M E W S P C P K.

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: A = T

Hard · 139 letters

A T U R Y Q U A K L Q

H V Q U V R A T V R, A L

U C Y B V M U

U N U G K A T V M O Y H H

A T G L I O T, Z T Y A V A

V R V A R U H Q, A T Y A V R

V A R B Y A U G V Y H,

Z T Y A A T U Q L G B Y H

F Y G A; Z V A T Y H H A T K

R L I H A L W L

E I R A V D U Y M W A 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

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. "Some things are hurrying into existence, and others are hurrying out of it; and of that which is coming into existence part is already extinguished."
— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*
Cipher key: A=O B=I C=N D=G E=D F=H G=B H=Y I=C J=X K=V L=M M=T N=F O=P P=A Q=K R=E S=Z T=R
U=L V=W W=Q X=J Y=U Z=S
2. "Most of the luxuries, and many of the so called comforts of life, are not only not indispensable, but positive hindrances to the elevation of mankind."
— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*
Cipher key: A=J B=I C=O D=F E=H F=U G=C H=P I=D J=N K=Y L=T M=V N=Z O=X P=K Q=E R=M S=W T=G
U=L V=A W=R X=S Y=B Z=Q
3. "The Retort Courteous; . . . the Quip Modest; . . . the Reply Churlish; . . . the Reproof Valiant; . . . the Countercheck Quarrelsome; . . . the Lie with Circumstance; . . . the Lie Direct."
— *William Shakespeare, 1600, As You Like It, Act V. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*
Cipher key: A=B B=H C=Z D=M E=I F=S G=T H=O I=R J=Y K=J L=N M=G N=D O=A P=W Q=P R=F S=C T=E
U=Q V=X W=U X=L Y=V Z=K
4. "Some antiquated and outworn rules which once safeguarded the threatened rights of private citizens, now merely work harm to the general body politic."
— *Theodore Roosevelt, 1905, Fifth Annual Message to Congress*
Cipher key: A=G B=X C=T D=N E=P F=Q G=A H=Z I=U J=W K=C L=H M=Y N=R O=F P=I Q=S R=M S=L T=E
U=J V=K W=O X=V Y=B Z=D
5. "The safety of life is this, to examine everything all through, what it is itself, that is its material, what the formal part; with all thy soul to do justice and to say the truth."
— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*
Cipher key: A=T B=M C=X D=C E=J F=P G=R H=L I=U J=K K=Y L=O M=N N=V O=G P=B Q=F R=S S=Q T=H
U=E V=I W=D X=Z Y=A Z=W