

Hard Cryptograms — Set 19

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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: S = E

Hard · 41 letters

I T I K V I B T , W G S

N F X G W V F K K Z N Q R S

W Q D S W G S

S C Z S O F S P 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

2. Clue: P = T

Hard · 41 letters

N I J D J V E P V F P

Y J T H E J L P E F Z T F

P N Y I P Y V N Y Q V P N

S N J 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

3. Clue: K = E

Hard · 41 letters

X P Q J K F K H X Q R R I Y

J Q U K J P K H K S N Q

W K Q E Y K I G C Q Z

H I Q 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

4. Clue: X = O

Hard · 41 letters

V P V H T U X D Q G P X

B I V Q G P W X D X D P X B

W X D I H T N T U

H T U H T 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

5. Clue: O = H

Hard · 41 letters

O R G O W O D C B N

M P B R Z Q M Z X M Y C N

G Y S S N U Z M B U O O Y N

O R M 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

6. Clue: V = E

Hard · 41 letters

Y O C Z V J O C Z V V D Y C

R F V N Z V V U V A L M C S L

R F V N Z V K C M C S 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. "As always, the right will prove to be the expedient."

— Woodrow Wilson, 1917, *State of the Union Address*

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

2. "Our greatest primary task is to put people to work."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933, *First Inaugural Address*

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

3. "Whatever way you take there is a league of bad road."

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

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

4. "It is enough to fright you out of your seven senses."

— Francois Rabelais, 1564, *Works, Book V, Chapter XV (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "He who hunts after bargains will scratch his head."

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

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

6. "Those who seek to please everybody please nobody."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)*

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