

Hard Cryptograms — Set 25

6 puzzles · Standard 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: C = E

Hard · 42 letters

J E W L ' D F Z C U H R L E C

F K R C J H N N R C Q C Z F C

K M L K V L E C V N C D 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: A = S

Hard · 42 letters

C I W G D W B U P Y V C Q A I V A

U W Z V A U B W M A I V D Q B A U

G K J V A G K 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: S = A

Hard · 42 letters

U G M Z U S X N P U S T P V J S

K M V Q M Z U S R A J Z P N P

M S G F Z Q X V G R 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

4. Clue: Y = O

Hard · 42 letters

Y T B A V O S Y D H G Y O

N Y G N D C G Q Y M H V Q

G Y O A U G I , I Y Y S Y C J V S .

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: S = O

Hard · 42 letters

M S F T W S R G O W B S A O R

G I R R S J D O M X B O T S P J

M X J E I W B S R Z 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

6. Clue: H = N

Hard · 42 letters

R D N R K S V I D H M K H

O K S H U D G S B L E H H D G D A

N E H M K L L E V S K 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

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. "What's bred in the bone will never be out of the flesh."

— *English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated (London, 1859)*

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

2. "Whom Fortune wishes to destroy she first makes mad."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 911 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Much may be made of a Scotchman if he be caught young."

— *Samuel Johnson, 1791, Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. III. Chap. VIII. 1772 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Of what does not concern you say nothing, good or bad."

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

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

5. "Words once spoken cannot be wiped out with a sponge."

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

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

6. "He who is bent on doing evil can never want occasion."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 459 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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