

Hard Cryptograms — Set 26

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: U = T

Hard · 42 letters

L H U L K U M U A G M

L D R H B Q A O O L K P H

M D Z H D I A U M U A V W

U D L A 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

2. Clue: Q = S

Hard · 42 letters

V T E V R T W Y Q W F S

I D Y Q J X , V W Q

Q D U U B A B T F Y U R O

Y E R G T W Z Q .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Hard · 42 letters

W M C L Y X W H A H J X C J W
Y K L Y X W H C ; W M C
B Y J C Q C J Y X C
L Y X W H C .

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: V = E

Hard · 42 letters

U V I U Q R E Z V T

U B R T V H P U Q M V N

I B H H O V V E W V M O N

W U V O V V 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

5. Clue: H = T

Hard · 42 letters

H B D N J K P A B G M U D Q

B R Q H D D H B Y L H M J H

B R Q Z R Q T J Q R H R J M.

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: J = IHard · 42 letters

X K S R N K J X E M J B

V M N N A E Q I J X K

X K A J E T S J B X Q

V S I B I M E 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)

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Answer key

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1. "He that stirs honey will have some of it stick to him."

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

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

2. "He who eats and puts by, has sufficient for two meals."

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

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

3. "The virtuous rest in virtue; the wise desire virtue."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

4. "He who makes himself honey will be eaten by the bees."

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

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

5. "The wolf changes his teeth but not his disposition."

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

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

6. "Though it rain daggers with their points downward."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy*, Part III. Sect. 2, Memb. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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