

Hard Cryptograms — Set 27

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: K = S

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A S L U M Z K S J K P L A O

M O L R U , G E K Z

K M N N O U S J K S L X K U

M O L R U .

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

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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2. Clue: U = E

Hard · 42 letters

O L R I D U L D Z U X P N E U

O U S L S Z M T M

R P Y Y U R R L G T M

C L G I P S U .

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: U = E

Hard · 42 letters

P U G P M G X S L H T

J U U Y P K Q U B U

Q S L O T A L Q G G K U L Y

P K Q P M O 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: W = A

Hard · 42 letters

S T A , I T B Q , Z X A X C

S W G R W E O J A X C T W Z

E S W G G X S B Z W

Y W D Y X 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: H = I

Hard · 42 letters

K A U E T G G W B A U U Q

H J R Z B F H E T ,

C Q H U E W J K H R R M U

I Z B F H E 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

6. Clue: L = O

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Z Q R X I L L D N E L B

C L L P, Q R A F L Z M

J L Z M Y J L B R

N J M Z Y M P O M Y .

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. "Who eats his fowl alone, must saddle his horse alone."

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

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

2. "Most people judge men only by success or by fortune."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, *Maximes*, 212 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "He that would keep his eye sound must tie up his hand."

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

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

4. "Why, then, do you walk as if you had swallowed a ramrod?"

— Epictetus, 108, *Discourses* (recorded by Arrian), Chap. XXI (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "When good cheer is lacking, friends will be packing."

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

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

6. "Many go out for wool, and come home shorn themselves."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1615, *Don Quixote*, Part II, Chap. XXXVII (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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