

Hard Cryptograms — Set 28

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: D = E

Hard · 42 letters

K Z I D U S D G X U D A L D C

U S X U A V G V C D G X R X C J

K V V I X C V U S D A .

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: B = E

Hard · 42 letters

P I B Y J B - B T B F H U J G R U

D G J X G J P I B S Y C J P L T

Y E P I B W M G J 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

3. Clue: V = T

Hard · 42 letters

R G V G C M K D Z V O G J V

Q J I I M B , X G J D Z U U B Z Q M

D Z V O G J V K M C 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

4. Clue: O = E

Hard · 42 letters

U H L X O W O Y I W O H K O J L

I N K Z D J O , K D W H I Y H , Y I W

L U V O U Y G I 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

5. Clue: Y = E

Hard · 42 letters

J P Y X H P Y H F Y Y U B V V E

Y N Y F G D B X A Q Y E J W H P

P W E P B H O P Y 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

6. Clue: S = O

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W R K I V L V X O L H F N S F S

J H B D X S X J P J S F P C X

L S B W S B H X V S 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

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. "Like the watermen that row one way and look another."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Democritus to the Reader* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The one-eyed man is a king in the country of the blind."

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

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

3. "Go to bed without supper, you will rise without debt."

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

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

4. "Is there no respect of place, parsons, nor time in you?"

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Twelfth Night, Act II. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "When the tree falls every man goes with his hatchet."

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

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

6. "Publicity can do no harm to the honest corporation."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1903, *Third Annual Message to Congress*

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