

Hard Cryptograms — Set 35

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: L = A

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L W L D C X G I T X F A V W M A J

K H M M H P M W L D L J L Q E

X G I I T X P A V W 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

2. Clue: V = I

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P V A A P G T I V D Q Y V B E P G

A I G L V F G , Z B E C V U P X U Q

Q J Q A Z V B V 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

3. Clue: H = E

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N A H Y X A H O I D W H A T W

A T M B X W E B J J , X A H O H T J

X D S Y W K B X X H 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

4. Clue: R = E

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T R K E O K J F R Y

C T J R O Y P I J L J P F J V R B

M B Y F H I R B F R Y S E W O 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

5. Clue: H = E

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Y B H G B N V J L M J U X B L A

H M H Z T F N A W R Y Y B H

F U V Q U X N Z U Z H 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

6. Clue: Q = E

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F N Q W S N Q S I Q Q B V O P F W

Q M Q I Z C P O Z I T W V S P S N Q

C I X W G N Q 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)

Answer key

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1. "A handful of might is better than a sack full of right."

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

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

2. "Little chips kindle the fire, and big logs sustain it."

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

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

3. "When the mouse has had its fill, the meal turns bitter."

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

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

4. "Reconciled friendship is like a badly healed wound."

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

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

5. "The charging of his enemy was but the work of a moment."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1605, *Don Quixote, Part I, Book I. Chap. VIII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "When the tree is down everybody runs to the branches."

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

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