

Hard Cryptograms — Set 36

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: N = E

Hard · 43 letters

M N G N D R K N E T S W R E V D T

O L Y W F D M W F S M N T L V W S

E T S S T W F Q N .

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: Y = N

Hard · 43 letters

X A H N U N G A Y D Q W A

V K Y R P Y D W L K Y K B K P H

A S V K Y R P Y D - Q L A N Q .

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: F = E

Hard · 43 letters

Z L F Q S L F M V C F N H C T H S

S L U N W N Q M N S N H S N C F

S T P F V W F T Y 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

4. Clue: P = T

Hard · 43 letters

P O V D Y V M P V G P

A T L N L V G G I T B B L F P

R T L N P O V E L D Y M P V W E B .

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: A = N

Hard · 43 letters

V R V E F Y E B M G C Q F A R G

R Y U Z G A F R P V A W Y A N

R P V A Z Y A G R P F 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

6. Clue: P = T

Hard · 43 letters

V D F G J G K C P P Z I P , I A R

H G P P Z G Q Y M H R M C K ;

P Z G M G D ' H H W P D T 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

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. "We desire nothing so much as what we ought not to have."

— Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, *Sententiae (Maxims)*, 559 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "More belongs to dancing than a pair of dancing-shoes."

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

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

3. "When the game is most thriving it is time to leave off."

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

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

4. "The greatest kindness will not bind the ungrateful."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

5. "It is easy for men to talk one thing and think another."

— Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, *Sententiae (Maxims)*, 322 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Give me but that, and let the world rub; there I'll stick."

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

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