

# Hard Cryptograms — Set 38

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 = E

Hard · 44 letters

C W A B Y G L E A Q L K N K L

Q I T A E D D N C S W H L A N F L

E K L H L K K I Q F L G .

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: F = E

Hard · 44 letters

X T F Z F K T F X Q N D L J W M P

O L Q Y F P T F F L T F N Q Q M P

D Q Z B Y Q K T F 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

3. Clue: A = N

Hard · 44 letters

R M G O Y U I Q A D D O U C

V T D I I R A P , G A O " G Y D A "

I Q S E W R A Y J Q M H U G 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

4. Clue: Y = E

Hard · 44 letters

Z Y I Y M Y X V Q N C O Y

Q N B I Y X P A U K B I K Q Y

I K Z Z B Y M Y C N I C K L U I .

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 = E

Hard · 44 letters

C J X C    Z E    M W A X E X U C    C B  
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T A R A R D A T    K J Z Q J    K X E  
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J X T N    C B    A U N L T A .  
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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  
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6. Clue: Z = E

Hard · 44 letters

J D L    S J L C G  
\_\_\_\_\_  
O F C I J L G D U Z C    V L Z  
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G B J C Z    G B V G    U Z X Z L  
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K Z I V W W    D 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  
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| Solver's cheat sheet       |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 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<br>AM                                                                                    |
| Most common 3-letter words | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET<br>HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT<br>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. "With great men one must allow five to be an even number."

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

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

2. "Where the wolf picks up one sheep he looks for another."

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

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

3. "I had most need of blessing, and "Amen" Stuck in my throat."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act II. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Let every man be master of his time Till seven at night."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "That is pleasant to remember which was hard to endure."

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

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

6. "Our worst misfortunes are those that never befall us."

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

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