

Hard Cryptograms — Set 40

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: D = O

Hard · 44 letters

V X M R D A Q J C P Q C O M

T P V T C A S T P M ; P D K M

L D Z W , D V X M A P L D

J D 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

2. Clue: A = E

Hard · 44 letters

L Y T A A C T Y F C A

(T U L E T O A) Y O U Y

M F N U J A L D T F C A

H J F K D T Y N E 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

3. Clue: C = H

Hard · 44 letters

C A O C W O W H B J

S Q Z S C D L T C R H T Z

G W Z R L G J O A Z Z L G F

C L R T A B D .

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: S = O

Hard · 44 letters

E F D D U S S U F J R L E

I S Q J S Q D T R L Z F

O U S J U S U D I E S

I S Q B A F D P .

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: N = E

Hard · 44 letters

A T N C N K I X O N X P Y

E F Y I F G A T N A V J N

T V Z G F K J X P Y

U K N Z Z Q K 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

6. Clue: I = N

Hard · 44 letters

W I J Y T L A S W I ' F

T J A F L W I N U J X A

J P I F K X A F J X Y A X I

Y T L P O I 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

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. "The world is like a staircase; some go up, others go down."

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

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

2. "It seems to me (said she) that you are in some brown study."

— *John Lyly, 1578, Euphues: The Anatomy of Wit, 1579 (Arber's reprint), page 80 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "He who would catch fish must not mind wetting himself."

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

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

4. "Tell no one what you would have known only to yourself."

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

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

5. "The very age and body of the time his form and pressure."

— *William Shakespeare, 1601, Hamlet, Act III. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Another man's horse and your own spurs outrun the wind."

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

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