

Hard Cryptograms — Set 41

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: L = T

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L G O T B V X U C X L T

H O L Q J Z T K C

L O I A L C L J T B J N L T

X J O V Z L T J L .

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: C = A

Hard · 44 letters

C O O P Q C P U Y Q R J C K

J R Y P V X P V M Z V C H X

U N U P H M K M P

C H L C K S X .

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: S = O

Hard · 44 letters

Q Z G Z N U Z F G Z R M F R

R V U U R S D S N N S K

K M V B M E S I B F Q A S

R S A F 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

4. Clue: R = A

Hard · 44 letters

G W I J N D R F Z

R N R M J X A L W J Y O I

S R J X A F M P W V F I L R

Z M X A R J S W .

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: V = E

Hard · 44 letters

O I V Y P O I V B

B V E W P G N J V C C , T Q O

O I V E I M C S B V E W P G N

T V O O V 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

6. Clue: I = T

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J V J V X V I A V L N X E I

I A Z I V W V X Y C X E I

N B I M I A Z I E N P V B I

E V 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

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 only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it."

— Oscar Wilde, 1890, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

2. "All that is human must retrograde if it do not advance."

— Edward Gibbon, 1776, *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, of the Roman Empire* (1776). Chap. LXXI (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1742, *Poor Richard's Almanack*

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

4. "Be on guard against men who can strike from a distance."

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

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

5. "The mother reckons well, but the child reckons better."

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

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

6. "We were the first that ever burst into that silent sea."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1798, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Part II* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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