

Hard Cryptograms — Set 42

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: Q = E

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T O N C A Q Y V X O A K N L

S Q L R Q A P L U Q , S C N

V X Q U C V N S Q

L R Q A P L U 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

2. Clue: G = E

Hard · 44 letters

X Y J G O D G

Q X B G O C I P X Z . P Z

C M M , I F G U P I I P Z E

J G C J X Z P J Y G J 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

3. Clue: M = E

Hard · 44 letters

N D M J B V L S V R V

P Z J E M , R Z T M D M M P

N D V H B V L R Z T M F B

R D M D Z J 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Clue: F = O

Hard · 44 letters

E V H E F K F F L M F I
L I F H M Z F G V F Q A E V
P J Z V A E J I E V H E F
Y K J C 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

5. Clue: O = E

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F O V O D Q O Y O Q I

P X B M O D Y O M K M F O

H P I P N V O D Q O Y O Q I

P N S O B 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

6. Clue: V = E

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F P F Q X L U Y Q P L

I V B F V N V F J P C V

U Y B V , J L P F J P C V

V Z W V K P F L J .

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. "Nature is hard to be overcome, but she must be overcome."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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

2. "Observe moderation. In all, the fitting season is best."

— *Hesiod, 700 BC, Works and Days, Line 694 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "When you go to dance, take heed whom you take by the hand."

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

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

4. "He who looks on knows more of the game than he who plays."

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

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

5. "We believe in ourselves as we do not believe in others."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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

6. "It is for us to believe in the rule, not in the exception."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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