

Hard Cryptograms — Set 48

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

Hard · 45 letters

R A Q C Q V L C Q F M I O Q

Y U I U I T G U R M

H Y X R Q C , V C L U R M ,

K G R N Y X J T 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

2. Clue: E = O

Hard · 45 letters

B X E J P X T E J M W G M

H W J V G L B E I V U M L ,

V E L E B V G D H Z D G

S E J L D G 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: R = E

Hard · 45 letters

N U H O T R K G R R N Y E E Q

U R T G E O H O Y, S A R V

O R P R U M E K R

Z O V S A H O 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: I = E

Hard · 45 letters

H U I Y H H N R H Z N

J P I U L F I E V H Z I

F I K C C F K U K

O P L M I C H Q R K C I 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

5. Clue: G = O

Hard · 45 letters

U H O J L H , Y J E ;

Y W J E H , K H S ; V G W J

I Q V G W Y F G P H

O G P B Q H L J S V G P J 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

6. Clue: W = E

Hard · 45 letters

E P F ' Y H W U U Y B W

T W Z S H V K F T W X P S W

O P R B Z I W A Z R D B Y

Y B W T W Z S .

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. "Therefore my age is as a lusty winter, Frosty, but kindly."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Though you are a prudent old man, do not despise counsel."

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

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

3. "Princes keep good reckoning, they never lose anything."

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

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

4. "One good word quenches more heat than a bucket of water."

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

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

5. "Devise, wit; write, pen; for I am for whole volumes in folio."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *Love's Labour's Lost*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Don't sell the bearskin before you have caught the bear."

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

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