

Hard Cryptograms — Set 56

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: E = T

Hard · 46 letters

X O E U O V E U G E G X J W F

M T F W K L F O L R E U L

K P R E L H P T J

K P R E L H O L R !

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 = E

Hard · 46 letters

O Y C G O C X C K A C P

K I G J C E S T N C , T S Q

K A C P G I L W A C E

M S V U L N C E G 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

3. Clue: E = T

Hard · 46 letters

Z V P O A A W
F V D V X O J J Q H K M K J
E Z O E D W Y W N Q
E Z O D L V N Z K C B W X
K 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: Y = A

Hard · 46 letters

M G Y O E J H T A H Y

U Y A B N R A L R

G Y I G P O T H G G V H

N R Y W L Y J H G H U Y A 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

5. Clue: Z = H

Hard · 46 letters

Z I A A E Z Q G Z M P I U

J I N Q G I B U X U V C B M Y

J Z Q Y X H Z I A H M C

M J Z Q B H .

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: F = E

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C F K F Q B F T D L M X W

X W F E T C L W F C S I Z

P T C B F T D L M X W X W F

E T G X F 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

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. "Within that awful volume lies the mystery of mysteries!"

— Sir Walter Scott, 1820, *The Monastery*, Chap. XII (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "I believe they talked of me, for they laughed consumedly."

— George Farquhar, 1707, *The Beaux' Stratagem*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "He was so generally civil that nobody thanked him for it."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell)*. Vol. VI. Chap. IX. 1777 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Jealousy is a pain which eagerly seeks what causes pain."

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

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

5. "Happy he who can take warning from the mishaps of others."

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

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

6. "Never deal with the man when you can deal with the master."

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

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