

Hard Cryptograms — Set 59

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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: G = E

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Q Y Q U E I G V N J E V S

X A S G V Y E T Q A R Y Z

U G G T Y Z W D G E U G

G I G V N H Z S N .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Hard · 47 letters

N

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Y

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F

O

Q

S

F

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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: I = E

Hard · 47 letters

J U I L I D Q Y N

A I W D I G D Y Z X W D X L ,

I G I Y S U I Y U I

Q E I X F Q J U I J L M J 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

4. Clue: D = E

Hard · 47 letters

S E D C D K R O

J V D O R X C D K P

J T D S K N J O K P R

I E K N E T P V F J T D S R

Z P T 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

5. Clue: Q = E

Hard · 47 letters

I V Z K L T V Z

L C X X V T Q Z J Q B P Q P

I G Q J I Q Z X L L W

X G B J I G Q J I Q Z L B 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

6. Clue: Z = H

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W R W P E B Y W S Z J Y C V

S Z Q S Q X X S Z W

F W X X V W T Z B Z J V

B L Y S Z B M N Z S V .

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. "It is a very hard undertaking to seek to please everybody."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 675 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "There can no great smoke arise, but there must be some fire."

— *John Lyly, 1578, Euphues: The Anatomy of Wit, and his Euphobus, page 153 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "There is no believing a liar, even when he speaks the truth."

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

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

4. "There is a pleasure in poetic pains which only poets know."

— *William Cowper, 1785, The Task, Book II. The Timepiece. Line 285 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar."

— *William Wordsworth, 1814, The Excursion, Book III (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Every one thinks that all the bells echo his own thoughts."

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

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