

Hard Cryptograms — Set 69

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: O = E

Hard · 48 letters

B O V O O Y A H O P W O H

C Q H W D O T W S

T D T W P Q V A S S Y W R P V

O C Q I G S H W D V O .

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: W = E

Hard · 48 letters

D A A D W B T D

B A P I R T C D A X G Q W

U W T F Q A G F C B W

U Z X X W Y U

U Q C I F Y W B 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

3. Clue: A = E

Hard · 48 letters

E X Q E U G G W V E A

D S K A

N L A I J U B B U C C A R J W

V E A Z U B A C X K

J N C S L A C C !

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: Z = T

Hard · 48 letters

Z W M U Q L M E L F K Y V P

W K N V X V Z U ; E L F K Y

V P Z W Q Z Z W M U Q L M

P F Z E L F K 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

5. Clue: H = E

Hard · 48 letters

A R C H P T O A R V H

H D R G K H C B B Y I C I

Q R J H C A H A F H V O R W

E I V D T I A H C 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: Z = E

Hard · 48 letters

H G G S R R N D Z F Z U

Q U H I , K C Z F Z D S J R X

W Z B F S U I H I B H I

Z L Z F N C S J T 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. "We need greater virtues to sustain good than evil fortune."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 25 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "No one can complain of the sea who twice suffers shipwreck."

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

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

3. "How happy the life unembarrassed by the cares of business!"

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 725 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "They are proud in humility; proud in that they are not proud."

— *Robert Burton, 1621, The Anatomy of Melancholy, Part I. Sect. 2, Memb. 3, Subsect. 14 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Money is more eloquent than a dozen members of parliament."

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

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

6. "If folly were a pain, there would be groaning in every house."

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

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