

Hard Cryptograms — Set 71

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 = H

Hard · 49 letters

E O D E N O P H U X O P I U

D B H E E B U G P U H O I

U E N V T S M N H Z E N N U O

H E O W O U H .

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: L = I

Hard · 49 letters

R G M E M L N K J R G L K S

M L R G M E S J J A J E

O D A , O C R R G L K X L K S

V D X M N L R N 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

3. Clue: M = E

Hard · 49 letters

C X F S E V H F O A

Y H I I H Q Z R E E W

Y M A H O F J D W N M M X A S

E W J M D I W D C X F Q 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

4. Clue: Y = T

Hard · 49 letters

P K P Y Y B P Y T F K J V

Y B L V O F Y F V M U Y Y U

Z L Y G R V Y L W I F Y B

G U P V Y Q L P 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: Q = A

Hard · 49 letters

Q F Q I W C Q F R V E V P

F M S K H H N K O O T Q O

G O C M K H U T M H U

Q R M O T V P A P Q G 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

6. Clue: C = L

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Y E M L A R V Y I K V O

U K C C T M K V C I T A R P ;

I V I T O R P G L A R O M

U K C C T M T A P 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. "He who eats pears with his master should not choose the best."

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

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

2. "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."

— *William Shakespeare, 1600, Hamlet*

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

3. "Many things difficult to design prove easy to performance."

— *Samuel Johnson, 1759, Rasselas, Chap. XVI (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "A cat that licks the spit is not to be trusted with roast meat."

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

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

5. "A sack was never so full but that it would hold another grain."

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

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

6. "The mountains will be in labour; an absurd mouse will be born."

— *Horace, 18 BC, Ars Poetica, 139 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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