

Hard Cryptograms — Set 73

6 puzzles · Standard 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: H = T

Hard · 49 letters

H W U Y M J V G U R H T S B H W U

T H M S R J U T H W Y I U

Y Q Z Y F T H W U G S T H

Z U X J W 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

2. Clue: U = O

Hard · 49 letters

M S D Q X F Y B B F D U R A U W P

Y F F F W H X , Q G E T U Q M B

G U B U R A U W P C U U E F W H X .

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: D = O

Hard · 49 letters

O Q I U C Q G S V D D L

N I J S I J N D I H , W Z J

H D O S J C N I V T D O S H

Q T B D H H J C S 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

4. Clue: G = O

Hard · 49 letters

X T F W X K G X V G F T O G K Z V

X G G K Z L M G W Z Z V Z W H T Z

R Z K X G K X M Z Q T G 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 · 49 letters

F H W X E S H Q X L K H L J M J

G J W D J P X L I L K H

D E Z V Q F A I S Z H Q W B

H G Q W H W L .

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 = E

Hard · 49 letters

R C S R T S T Z B P R Y X C

G B C Y N S Y Q C N D R T Z B P I T

Q T Q R C O T Z F Q Y W F R C Y 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

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)

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Answer key

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1. "The arguments of the strongest have always the most weight."

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

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

2. "Speak little of your ill luck, and boast not of your good luck."

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

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

3. "Many have good intentions, but something comes across them."

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

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

4. "Trust not your money to one whose eyes are bent on the ground."

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

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

5. "Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being eminent."

— Jonathan Swift, 1706, *Thoughts on Various Subjects* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "He who would have clear water should go to the fountain head."

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

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