

Hard Cryptograms — Set 74

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: A = O

Hard · 49 letters

A S L Z A D Q ' Y Y W L L X

R L P A Q L E F K S F H Z O F Y

G A Q O Z O G A Z A D Q Y J P O L Q

F 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: G = O

Hard · 49 letters

C B K G B P V G S N M E Z K

C J Q P B F D X B F F X C G J P

V G S E F X E H P G V C J P

N M E Z K .

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: B = I

Hard · 49 letters

V O L D M E D H I B E C Q O P

R Q M Q W , D E Y J G I E B L B M

J D P W B L J B S S M L B E N

C Q 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: I = E

Hard · 49 letters

D X X E N R I A E N I M S B E M

W D M K O ' B K V G J B I D J I

N V S E Z I B V W N V J I

W D M K 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

5. Clue: H = E

Hard · 49 letters

H Z H I U A F H O H H O P T O

O Q E I S V A E S , F A A F H

O H H O P T O O P I L F N H F

W H M M 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

6. Clue: F = E

Hard · 49 letters

O W N P M D F A L F P P N A L W F

W N V W J U Q J W U L L W F Q

W F U D Z Q L W F T N D F X N M F .

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. "One hour's sleep before midnight is worth two hours after it."

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

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

2. "He does not guard himself well who is not always on his guard."

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

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

3. "Put a snake in your bosom, and when it is warm it will sting you."

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

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

4. "All impediments in fancy's course are motives of more fancy."

— William Shakespeare, 1605, *All's Well that Ends Well*, Act V. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Every one sees his smart coat, no one sees his shrunken belly."

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

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

6. "Children tell in the highway what they hear by the fireside."

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

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