

Hard Cryptograms — Set 79

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 = E

Hard · 50 letters

B L O U E H F D E X T R X U Z T L Q

 R D H P H T R H J X R X L Z , U G G

 K X F C H J U Z J F O G G H 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

2. Clue: F = H

Hard · 50 letters

R F J S Y E U R F T Y P P O T J V

 F Q X R Q K P F R W J T X R S

 B Y S A F S A X F Q E E S A T R

 T 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: O = E

Hard · 50 letters

F W G I Q C G W O X P O C X R

G W B O G I O B M N A O K K S

N O C U A O P Y B O T C T W N E

J Y F 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

4. Clue: H = T

Hard · 50 letters

Y L Y S K X C Q Z A O F M Q A H

S G Q B T A Z Y F F C T H V C H ,

G I K A O H S G Y M V G T

X Y H C 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

5. Clue: V = E

Hard · 50 letters

N S F D A S V N F U D O V
C S L Y X : S U V O H N D O V
K R L N V , D O V S D O V L O H N
D O V A S Y 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

6. Clue: B = T

Hard · 50 letters

R B R O B U Y L W I V Y O O R W I ,
I W B B U Y X Q R Y O B , B U D B
C R Z Y O M O D T O W F M B R W 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

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. "You are Christians of the best edition, all picked and culled."

— *Francois Rabelais, 1552, Works, Book IV, Chap. L (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "The only thing grief has taught me is to know how shallow it is."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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

3. "With patience and time the mulberry leaf becomes a silk gown."

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

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

4. "Every man would not ring so well as that, if you tried his metal."

— *George Eliot, 1872, Middlemarch*

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

5. "So it goes in the world: one has the purse, the other has the gold."

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

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

6. "It is the confession, not the priest, that gives us absolution."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1891, The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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