

Hard Cryptograms — Set 84

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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: G = E

Hard · 51 letters

F D G J C S T Z C W

J S T Y G , F D G H T E G

H G B T J T F A P E K

H B Z I G S Z H

I T J V G K E G W W .

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: N = O

Hard · 51 letters

I B W X U H W E E X O N H W

J E H N U W H N Q I Z , N B

U Z W L N V V N Q O M

N Q U B Q H U Z W Z X B W .

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: N = E

Hard · 51 letters

Y N Z S N N U N D T O

Z C U V R N L J U G N D T O

N J E L , Z X N E N T L

U C Z X T U V Z C

F X C C L N .

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: M = I

Hard · 51 letters

M K W C W D M R

C M R Z W J H D ,

M D R Z O V S Z U M C

J M D Y B N W D Y R U T G

U M C U M R H O O T 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: F = E

Hard · 52 letters

D N F Y V I D N L D

R M F F Q R C T D N F

B V P T C T H N L R T V D

N C R D V T H Z F

Y F L D N F P F G .

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: D = T

Hard · 52 letters

H B U D A I D G Q

Y B X H D I X D P O

H D Q J W J X N D M G M I Q L

H D B X G , A G I Q H J D I D

P I H D .

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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "The curious crime, the fine Felicity and flower of wickedness."

— Robert Browning, 1869, *The Ring and the Book, The Pope*. Line 590 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Greatness alone is not enough, or the cow would outrun the hare."

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

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

3. "Between evil tongues and evil ears, there is nothing to choose."

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

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

4. "If a man is mistaken, instruct him kindly and show him his error."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

5. "The fox that sleeps in the morning has not his tongue feathered."

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

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

6. "Soft water constantly striking the hard stone, wears it at last."

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

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