

Hard Cryptograms — Set 87

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: V = A

Hard · 52 letters

F V W G D Y C A B Y S U

V S U A F B H G B R W G A ,

V G X V S U A F V X V F P

D K Y H X V D K A V F B P E .

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: N = E

Hard · 52 letters

D N J D U J L P A M I K N

D N U M J D C B A G J L N U H

D T G L T E J N H

V M P J D N G T E

G A B B N 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

3. Clue: L = O

Hard · 52 letters

Y N O K P L W C Y Q F

C K Q C L H L A C Y N

Z Q H H L E F ? Z O K U P L W

Y Q F O S F L D W C N

" F Y O D 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

4. Clue: P = T

Hard · 52 letters

M T S P J F S P A F E S U P

U T S D D Z F S U P Q U ,

D L X T P S J R O T Y L O F ,

Y Z S P P L O P S U P 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: C = L

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D M G S K P Y O F M Q M C Z

S J D N E Y V O D M Y C I

T C Y J X , T L O O D M Y C I

T C Y J X N O K M C 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

6. Clue: E = T

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E N O F P E G N O M Y R O W

W R R I E O U E R E N O

A O X X E N Z E P E Y O E W

K M R Q O U Z E X Z W E .

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. "Rain comes oft after sunshine, and after a dark cloud a clear sky."

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

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

2. "He that would be healthy must wear his winter clothes in summer."

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

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

3. "Hear you this Triton of the minnows? Mark you his absolute "shall"?"

— William Shakespeare, 1608, *Coriolanus*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "What neat repast shall feast us, light and choice, Of Attic taste?"

— John Milton, 1673, *Sonnet: To Mr. Lawrence* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "He was not merely a chip of the old block, but the old block itself."

— Edmund Burke, 1781, *On Pitt's First Speech*, Feb. 26, 1781. From *Wraxall's Memoirs*, First Series, vol. I. p. 342 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The pitcher goes so often to the well that it gets broken at last."

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

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