

Hard Cryptograms — Set 94

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: Y = E

Hard · 53 letters

E R Z X U Y A Y D L B T P J W

K Y U R J Y B M P E Y,

Y A Y D L B T P J W M R Z X U

K Y U R J Y K Y B B Y 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

2. Clue: P = E

Hard · 53 letters

Z P H M U K A T B E W P

E M B

E T T E B H M R K H K P U ,

H V P R , O P C E B P H V P

P W K Z I Y L U G E A P .

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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3. Clue: T = E

Hard · 53 letters

Y O T L D E T S P Y B F C T

B O P H F U T Y P

Y O T W C T M U T C Y O T

G E T K F Y K Z T Y P

P Y O T E C .

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: B = E

Hard · 53 letters

R T B F B P O J L R T P J X

O L U L J O R F L G O V G R

S B K C J V B Q P B H B P R

L I L G F O B Q H B 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 · 54 letters

I A H X Q A H C G R H C

B M U H K X W X W G K H , G Q

G K H G Q A H C N C G H N

V D W C B V E A

K I W Z Z 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

6. Clue: L = T

Hard · 54 letters

L X K N F D K W C S W J G H

L X C H I N S Q R C W L F K ;

L X K N J G Z Z J G H

L X C H I N S Q

U S J Q S 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

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. "Could everything be done twice, everything would be done better."

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

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

2. "Let us improve our opportunities, then, before the evil days come."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

3. "They are not wise who give to themselves the credit due to others."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

4. "There is nothing so monstrous but we can believe it of ourselves."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

5. "When the river makes no noise, it is either dried up or much swollen."

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

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

6. "The superior man thinks of virtue; the small man thinks of comfort."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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