

Hard Cryptograms — Set 96

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: X = I

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A W X T P X S R K Y V M T U V

X S M I U Y X N , Y S P

G Y C X S R Z B W N V U T O Y

T Y W R I X S R - V M B K C .

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: W = A

Hard · 54 letters

B R , S W E Y N W Y S W E ,

W B V Y N P J Y N W Y

I P Z P I W Y E J

W F D L P L C P O Q R B D G

Y N P S C R M B .

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: S = E

Hard · 54 letters

W S B X S I X G Z S

L E S X N S M K S N

X G N L S Q N A W L E S

L E T I F N L E S D B Q T L S

A Q N R S G Z .

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: J = N

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Q Y Z S D B F X S N M H D J

S T Q Y Q Y B Z Z

Q Y T J M H : X D T J M ,

I J X D T J M , N J X

U B Z Q Z J X T J M .

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: N = I

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F I P R N S S F I T F N Z

T S V T X Z L J N O K N O L

L J N O K Z B A T J Z P T O K

H N O P F A L P F I P 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

6. Clue: Q = A

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F V Y W T M R Q D Q F

V W R Y, Q D M F V Y

N W O D B Q C I W Q M, T X Y

Q E F Y I F V Y G Q R Y

E Q G V X W 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. "Building castles in the air, and making yourself a laughing-stock."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1615, *Don Quixote, Part II, Chap. XXXI* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "No, I am that I am, and they that level at my abuses reckon up their own."

— William Shakespeare, 1609, *Sonnets, CXXI* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "Few men make themselves masters of the things they write or speak."

— John Selden, 1689, *Table Talk, Learning* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "The world wags on with three things: doing, undoing, and pretending."

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

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

5. "The mill that is always grinding grinds coarse and fine together."

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

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

6. "The old man at home, and the young abroad, lie after the same fashion."

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

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