

Hard Cryptograms — Set 99

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: U = O

Hard · 54 letters

L Z C W O C W Z U E P J I L

C W L U U V U U O E U A

I F X Y T L I F V N J A W ,

U A K J A X Z U F J W L

P J 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

2. Clue: Q = H

Hard · 54 letters

B P F D L Q R E B P F D

F R I , E S F D R Y N E Q D

Q P M T T M Y K E Q T P M C Q

E Q D T P M C Q D K E N R 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

3. Clue: U = E

Hard · 55 letters

D U V V T U Q U K U Y I I S

O B V T U

Z O E U I B - T I M X U , W B S

V T U Z O E U I B X J O D D

F I G U V I O 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

4. Clue: S = O

Hard · 55 letters

E A J B S V W S J P Y S E

W S Z P U R K A

U H P K A H J B H Y Z

Q J Z L Z P H E C Z Q P

B S L H Y Z Y A S R 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

5. Clue: G = E

Hard · 55 letters

Y R R C N R D Q V G X T V

Q R A G Z Z G L Z F E Q

A E C N R D Q V G X, T J T Z

A G Q R Z Z E U G Q T Q

Z T S 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: J = H

Hard · 55 letters

J Q T J C T C O F N

V Y U W Q F V J Y C O H J

V J Q F U B N, K O A V H C

T R V J C X Q B X O Y A Q

R B J U B 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

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. "This dish of meat is too good for any but anglers, or very honest men."

— Izaak Walton, 1653, *The Complete Angler, Part I. Chap. 8* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Come what come may, Time and the hour runs through the roughest day."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth, Act I. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Let there be food in the pigeon-house, and the pigeons will come to it."

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

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

4. "The fox does not do as much mischief in a year as it pays for in an hour."

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

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

5. "Good counsel is no better than bad counsel, if it be not taken in time."

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

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

6. "He who would travel through the land, must go with open purse in hand."

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

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