

Hope Cryptograms — Set 9

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: L = H

Medium · 54 letters

M G H L Y X Y D N L N O Y ?

H L Y G M V U K Z D G Z M Q ;

H L Y G M I Y D H Q N V H N X

G L N N U L M G L Y Z Q .

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: Y = E

Hard · 54 letters

A Q L Y , Q C V R R Z R R W

N A V N J Y D Y D M P O Y ,

N A Y Q D R H X A Y V L

V D M P D Z T Y O W V R

X P O Y .

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 = A

Expert · 55 letters

N U D C H G C L J G N Q P

T M N R P D K Z L R O K N C

P D V R , T M N R

M N V U D C O , D V R V G L

A L Q Z H M R ?

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: E = A

Expert · 55 letters

V G T E W I

B K E M E H Q G V C

P Z I V X D D Q C K E O , V G

H S Q W Q B D H M I S C D Q C

S K E H D E W W E 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: I = E

Expert · 56 letters

Y X A I R F E E G D E B R F

G D A I N D Z B

J C X I Z O K , D Z O

Q I H X I A I E G D E B R F

G D A I Q F E J I 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

6. Clue: X = E

Expert · 57 letters

I N X F Y P I Y Z Q

F S X P X Z I P N D E

M Y H I N Y Z Q N D F X

Y Z Q J D G S Y T X M G K K R

U G P I H M H X Q .

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. "Is there no hope? the sick man said; The silent doctor shook his head."

— John Gay, 1727, *Fables, Part I. The Sick Man and the Angel* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Hope, of all ills that men endure, The only cheap and universal cure."

— Abraham Cowley, 1656, *Poems, The Mistress. For Hope* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Among unequals what society can sort, what harmony, or true delight?"

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost, Book VIII. Line 383* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "No pale gradations quench his ray, No twilight dews his wrath allay."

— Sir Walter Scott, 1813, *Rokeby, Canto VI. Stanza 21* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Give out that you have many friends, and believe that you have but few."

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

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

6. "The past and present show faith and hope and courage fully justified."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1925, *Inaugural Address*

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