

Hope Cryptograms — Set 18

5 puzzles · Standard 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: R = E

Medium · 99 letters

W M I L G R E R Z R N H P Z R ,

V I W G R M X A R W X H P Z R ;

O E T O H G O C L T P L A X L P E F

X I N L R H Z R L W X V R

M O A A C , P W P L

P E R Z P W O V H R W M O W G R

E R Z R N V R J X Y R L 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

2. Clue: I = O

Easy · 100 letters

U Q G N I V P M G I S Q Y M Q S O

B S Q Q J I Y G Q Y A , A N O A Z Y

B I P P I U Z Y C A N Q

I R Z Y Z I Y I B I V S

B S Z Q Y M G A N Q X G N I V P M

W Q P Z Q L Q A N O A A N Q X

B I P P I U I V 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

3. Clue: H = I

Medium · 103 letters

N G Z M I U R C H I L

V J W H F G I Z F F J U G J S Z

R I C H N F X H L J A J M F

H A A R N H J I R B H N W R A Z

I J Y G Z A Z V Z N N Z A

C H F S B R W Z C N G R I H I

D M Z F N H J I F J U T J I C M T 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

4. Clue: P = E

Medium · 104 letters

Y D M I Y X P C , J H T P

U Y Z P M H Q V R K J G Y Q C , K H B

K U Y S L P G U C H Q K Q K H M O

I P H V I U ; U I P J H U U J P

X J P K C D M P Y R U I P V K B P

H C R M Y B K R K M U Y N H P Z

U I P R J H V I U .

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: Z = E

Medium · 107 letters

U M N I Z F L B P E Z K N Q H F V

R M U S M Q V C Z Z B N J Z

Y L U T Z T, N E T B M N B U G

B M Z K N Q H P C

Z W H Z J U Z E S Z. U O E P R E P

R N V P C D L T Y U E Y P C B M Z

C L B L J Z F L B F V B M Z

H N G 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

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. "Thus we never live, but we hope to live; and always disposing ourselves to be happy, it is inevitable that we never become so."

— *Blaise Pascal, 1670, Pensees (Thoughts), Chap. V. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "We should so render a free consent, that in following the opinion of our friends they should believe that they follow ours."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)*

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

3. "The unfading boyishness of hope and its vigorous irrationality are nowhere better displayed than in questions of conduct."

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

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

4. "Our hopes, like towering falcons, aim at objects in an airy height; The little pleasure of the game is from afar to view the flight."

— *Matthew Prior, 1692, To the Hon. Charles Montague (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging of the future but by the past."

— *Patrick Henry, 1775, Speech in the Virginia Convention. March, 1775 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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