

Humor Cryptograms — Set 1

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: D = E

Expert · 42 letters

A D B S J U D D F D E

H U O B D H , W G I

R W E D A D B B M J D H J Y K

H O M P O G 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

2. Clue: B = H

Hard · 43 letters

C B I G V R O B T V Q

I Q B W F T ' M G G T , B V T

B M T I C U L W B M U Z

Q B W Z I I 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

3. Clue: A = T

Hard · 46 letters

A U Y J T F F Y I A U B A

L R H Q Y L L A Y B Q L

L T R Y A U H W X G J T R

A U Y A U H Y 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

4. Clue: C = E

Hard · 46 letters

P Q C E P C H C N A C J

N K E F C Y S D O C , D S U

N A C J E K R L A C Y

X S Z I R O C Y E 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

5. Clue: F = E

Expert · 47 letters

K J M I Z E F Q Q Y T O E C

H F J F E G M I C M U X N F

K Y F J F Q H M E F Q Y X D F

A F F 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

6. Clue: B = T

Medium · 51 letters

B L Z L S D H , B L Z
L S D H , B L Z V X N B G
L S D H E N H S B W
B L E H J B S V W X J L B S
N R S D H .

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)

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Answer key

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1. "Welcome ever smiles, And farewell goes out sighing."

— William Shakespeare, 1602, *Troilus and Cressida*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Who laughs at others' ills, has his own behind the door."

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

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

3. "The robbed that smiles steals something from the thief."

— William Shakespeare, 1603, *Othello*

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

4. "I believe they talked of me, for they laughed consumedly."

— George Farquhar, 1707, *The Beaux' Stratagem*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

6. "The horn, the horn, the lusty horn is not a thing to laugh to scorn."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act IV. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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