

Humor Cryptograms — Set 2

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: F = E

Expert · 52 letters

V K W S F C W H G D T

W T H F T H H P X P

K W V R G W F Z, P Y

R P A F T G W K C G P K G F

V D S L H F 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

2. Clue: N = E

Hard · 54 letters

C E N L X E N E Z U X

U Y G F N U Y Z U X

A F P L Q F H E N E P U P L

N H N X Z X E N M I N U X ' U

B I W U 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

3. Clue: R = A

Hard · 54 letters

H B Y O Z Y K T J R A G O I A

Y K G Q I R Y D , R K Z

U R C Y K T P S B D A I O W R

O R B T Q Y K T - A G S J C .

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: T = A

Hard · 55 letters

J B N J M S T F B A E D M A

K J B M G F S T D ,

G T E U J B F T K A Y C H K

T D F R C Y B F

T A K B C N T C F 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

5. Clue: K = U

Expert · 60 letters

O W M K R W Q O P U E B

O W B K F Z E Q H S K H

H U K R W, D U F F M O C K O

P U E B O W B

N K A Q D Q M K Z R V Q B Y 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

6. Clue: D = E

Hard · 61 letters

R J S M Q T P O D
N G C Q V D Z J U M G N
S D D H , T N Q C W J D G
U M G N V M Z J W , N Z P N
C M M P E D I J U M G
D Y D 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

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											

Answer key

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1. "Smile with an intent to do mischief, or cozen him whom he salutes."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Democritus to the Reader* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "When the host smiles most blandly he has an eye to the guest's purse."

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

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

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

4. "He who made fun of the old man, laughed at first and cried afterwards."

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

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

5. "Though it make the unskilful laugh, cannot but make the judicious grieve."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet, Act III. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "It would be argument for a week, laughter for a month, and a good jest for ever."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I, Act II. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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