

Humor Cryptograms — Set 3

6 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: P = T

Medium · 65 letters

N B P O S R P P O Y H L B X Y

V K S L G F K P B F X D Y F R P T

N S I, S O N O F P N Y K Y L F I?

- F N S K X Q N B P O S R P F

H 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

2. Clue: P = T

Medium · 66 letters

R P S W K B R S W L Q

L B S Z R O Q E F V W S Q P R F A

P F Z W P Q X F H W G W E E

R A P F Q L O F P O D

B A Y W S L P Q A Y R A Z .

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: Q = S

Medium · 67 letters

Y J Y V I D M Q X A M Y Q B A Q

Y X U J A I Y Q Q R Y J V D G , D Q

Q B D M M F C Q J V Y D X Q V Z I

K A X U M A I H D M M J B Y C 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

4. Clue: J = T

Expert · 68 letters

B S J K Z A B F L D B J C H B W W

F L J P Y V G B Z E Y Z, J K Z

A P R L D B J C A G E J, L D J K Z

U L M Z D F A Z F J A G E J

Y Z P E Z.

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: R = E

Expert · 69 letters

P C R Q A W R A L H S M P K V R

K M M K G F Q N, K B P C R

G Z H A Y K P N A L G R B, P C R

L R Z Y A L M S L L R Y K B D

K B H S M P K V 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

6. Clue: J = T

Medium · 85 letters

Q I Z N J A Z N D N U P N A J
G A B B K N F B B E I M U O I M J ,
F U O J D N U G N Z F V B F M W D
F J J D N A X Q J M H A O A J V A U
U I J T U I G A U W A J
K N E I X 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 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. "Without the smile from partial beauty won, Oh what were man? - a world without a sun."

— Thomas Campbell, 1799, *The Pleasures of Hope, Part II. Line 21* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "It requires a surgical operation to get a joke well into a Scotch understanding."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith, Vol. I. p. 15* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Eternal smiles his emptiness betray, As shallow streams run dimpling all the way."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot, Prologue to the Satires. Line 315* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "If the minority will not acquiesce, the majority must, or the Government must cease."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1861, *First Inaugural Address*

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

5. "The love of justice is simply, in the majority of men, the fear of suffering injustice."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, *Maximes, 78* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Some time hence it will be all found out, and then we may laugh at their stupidity in not knowing it before."

— Jane Austen, 1813, *Pride and Prejudice*

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