

Humor Cryptograms — Set 4

5 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: X = E

Medium · 86 letters

J B X M U O A X P F D O

X D M U H T Y N E X G M J N

J X D P M N P J N

H D G A B J X P, Q G J

K B X P X U M B X K B N

F D O X S F U J X U O G M D

Z G P X Y N P O U O A V N T?

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 = E

Hard · 92 letters

P M P L C A O V X R O E W K X

V H F K A O P A V Z . A O P

H P Z L P A H J E L Z P J Q

O E W J L V A H P G Q V H

X J A Y J C U E A

H J L L J I . A O P L P V H

X J O E W J L V X

O P K M P 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

3. Clue: F = E

Medium · 112 letters

Z V Y G X K O L F K N X C U

W M U P Y R B F

W E N X C R W Y F F M, C E N C

I U U Y O O E U G Y A L F

O U

A F F T - W U X C F Z T Y N C R

H F ; N X A R A R A

Y N G K E O N X O

R X C F M Z R O O R U X N X

E U G M L V E R O A R N 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

4. Clue: C = E

Easy · 113 letters

J E F S Z I F K C O P K L F Z

R P K F N, F S C

Z M C K J S C Q T E A O

T P G Z K E F N Z H Z I K

R C Z R Q C X C C V P

O K C P F C K

Z R R Z K F I A E F N H Z K

S I T P A E F N F Z

R K Z X R C K P A L H E A L

S P R R E A C X 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

5. Clue: X = E

Easy · 140 letters

D B Q X K R T B W A U R P ,

R K T X M P S J X H H X S

V X J H X M C U R S

H X X K R I B D V X J H

R K T X M P S J X H H X S ,

D B H K D U R S H W K M X

U R S M B B Y A J X D D P ,

U R S H U P R B D V K R I ,

F U H X R B O I V C B J

D V X V U A A K R X H H B 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

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. "The singer can easily move us to tears or to laughter, but where is he who can excite in us a pure morning joy?"

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1862, Walking*

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

2. "Everything human is pathetic. The secret source of Humor itself is not joy but sorrow. There is no humor in heaven."

— *Mark Twain, 1897, Following the Equator*

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

3. "My lungs began to crow like chanticleer, That fools should be so deep-contemplative; And I did laugh sans intermission an hour by his dial."

— *William Shakespeare, 1600, As You Like It, Act II. Sc. 7 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Without regard to party, the overwhelming majority of our people seek a greater opportunity for humanity to prosper and find happiness."

— *Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1934, State of the Union Address*

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

5. "To be in company, nicely dressed herself and seeing others nicely dressed, to sit and smile and look pretty, and say nothing, was enough for the happiness of the present hour."

— *Jane Austen, 1815, Emma*

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