

Medium Cryptograms — Set 8

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: K = A

Medium · 40 letters

J I F B Y Y Q Z K I K

Q Z W L Y K I H P B K U Y M B

Y Z K F F K F F D B D K 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

2. Clue: G = T

Medium · 40 letters

F K N T K R V M G

K V G T F F T O G E X F M I

O I K G K O X F, Q E G

R G E I U 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: R = A

Medium · 40 letters

W L N W G N R Q O U I G K

R T G O W L K ' U D S R O O L K

W R U R P G S X Z L R S.

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: Q = E

Medium · 40 letters

E Q S A X Q S A D W

X C Q Q F ; P R V V M P D

R V G D Z A X P R V V M

A I F Q Q 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

5. Clue: A = O

Medium · 40 letters

K L E W Z J O ' V L K T M X

V I A T M O U Z H J A D J

U T X J A X K U I A E E Z O .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 40 letters

R U V R F R C H C X F F J

R F W H U B Y R B H

H S C K N U O C Q X F F Y

Z F F S .

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. "In less than a thousand years we shall all be bald."

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

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

2. "Life is not intellectual or critical, but sturdy."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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

3. "He who waits for another's platter has a cold meal."

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

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

4. "Be wise with speed; A fool at forty is a fool indeed."

— *Edward Young, 1728, Love of Fame, the Universal Passion, Satire II. Line 282 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "A friend's fault should be known but not abhorred."

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

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

6. "He who has a good horse in his stable may go on foot."

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

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