

Medium Cryptograms — Set 101

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: V = H

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B V J U L N V J X B G C T ,

I V C B J Y J U V L X Q D B , L X

V J I V D ' X N D T B J T B I L B V

I V C B V J V C X F D 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

2. Clue: M = T

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F M X N W D X M J G N T M O H

N I J D J H F S , M X N W D X Q N W

X F P O W M M O I O U J M F

X W H U I O U M J C O 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

3. Clue: P = S

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O X O P Q H Q P P F M U A P O T H
 S V Q Y S M X L Z Q H A
 T U H U M S F P P E O M O X, Y L S W
 L S H S M Q W U H A P.

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: S = E

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J Y S M Z Z R Q Z J Y J Y B A T
 Y S B W X B W S, N D J J Y S
 X B W S F G A T A Z X W
 Y B F W S R M J Z N S G M Z Z 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

5. Clue: C = E

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C A S F , T U Y T P X U Y C

T P U C B Z B C U C B T L U Y C

Y S B F C L U U W J C

E P F C B L U W W F W R U Y C

U H W !

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: K = E

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Q A K R A K J S F K J L S T Q A K

X K L O Q L M K R Y L I K K B K O X

E L X N J L R S J E S J L

U F L Y Y U I L Y K .

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 richest man, whatever his lot, is he who's content with what he has got."

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

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

2. "A thought is often original, though you have uttered it a hundred times."

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1858, *The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table, I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "It is an assured sign of a worthy and generous spirit, whom honor amends."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

4. "The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *As You Like It*

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

5. "Egad, I think the interpreter is the hardest to be understood of the two!"

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1779, *The Critic, Act I. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The phenomena of the year take place every day in a pond on a small scale."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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