

Medium Cryptograms — Set 117

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: G = O

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Z U X C U G Y P Q O G L

F G O C F A R O F R U S T R

T S F S L A G O S C Z R P P S C

G L U R N F G Y N L C G ' L U '

O S L A G O ?

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: L = E

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K L X G B T L X D S V J N G K

N M W X D L N M M K B . T G X N M W

X D L C X D L W L B X M N G B

E M G K Q V M X B G E E L L Q .

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: W = E

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J D T G Y Q E T N Z E J N N Q W

O J T W T N I E K O W C C F W

L W Z L C W A W V E D V N Q W

F R C V W T N T N E X X W Z W 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

4. Clue: Q = E

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D Q Q P V U C P Q U V T X A J C D

Y Q C Q T W G D T Q U W T A D ! W

R V O C P V E E T V X J B D , W G

V X A W S Q V E B W T A D .

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: U = E

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M W C L X D Q U C J L M X K U X D

K N V V N I R T P U L L U Q

Q U V U V P U Q U J L W C I M W C L

X D L Q C I D K Q X P U J .

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: U = E

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Z V Z O T A R N O U T U O O , D A M

V K U S M U N V U O V V A

J U O Q U T J N T J P A A H Z T V A

V K U Z M A L T U O V N V U .

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. "Why should not conscience have vacation as well as other courts o' th' nation?"

— Samuel Butler, 1664, *Hudibras*, Part II, Canto II. Line 317 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

3. "In such a strait the wisest may well be perplexed and the boldest staggered."

— Edmund Burke, 1770, *Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents*, Vol. I. p. 516 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "See how the world its veterans rewards! A youth of frolics, an old age of cards."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays*, Epistle II. Line 243 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "What is read twice is commonly better remembered than what is transcribed."

— Samuel Johnson, 1760, *The Idler*, No. 74 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "It is no baseness, for the greatest to descend and look into their own estate."

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

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