

Medium Cryptograms — Set 119

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: A = S

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Z P T W G Q C T A Z

F Z E Y D E D Z E F Z P E A

V I E D D Z P W A , Z A

M A Q G Q A A T U T E

K I Q A Z A T U T E

A E Z P W A .

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 = A

Medium · 62 letters

Q Z I P G U K B A P N

V W P U G , Q Z I P

T K Q W U P O Q Z I W , P N

V D N Y Z U N W I Z I V W

U P B L P U I A W

V K U U D W 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: W = E

Medium · 62 letters

W A J W K H S Z Z L E G I W

O W W E R G P W X W X U W P

G Y P E Y R L R G R V W

A R P S O F W P I H R V H O

G Y P F S R W A .

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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4. Clue: W = E

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K G W S V K U D G I H Y F

C W P Z I F W Y V Q

W B W A U A W D X W S K N I A

P Y Y K G W S V K V W D I N

K G W S I H Q K A 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

5. Clue: Q = E

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Z K H E J N T M V L Q T

B Q Q B X H W Q U T H X X I

H K Y A L Z X Y Q I V L M Y

V L Q U Z T Q H Y

M Y H V L Q T ' B L Q M T V L .

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 = E

Medium · 63 letters

Q U W J J L A N Z S R F J M W

U R U L C R F J M ' W D C N ,

U L G F U R J W R F U R

J K X J Y Y J L X J S R

X U L L C R M J U X 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

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. "An idler is a watch that wants both hands, As useless if it goes as if it stands."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782), Retirement*. Line 681 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note, As his corse to the rampart we hurried."

— Charles Wolfe, 1817, *The Burial of Sir John Moore after Corunna* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Especially do we need to remember our duty to the stranger within our gates."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1906, *Sixth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "The city should be a model in every respect for all the cities of the country."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1902, *Second Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "I would rather see smoke from my own chimney than the fire on another's hearth."

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

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

6. "Base Envy withers at another's joy, And hates that excellence it cannot reach."

— James Thomson, 1730, *The Seasons, Spring*. Line 283 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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