

Medium Cryptograms — Set 12

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: G = O

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S Z F X R Z S V J O

C F W W O R C G L P G Z O

W I F X N P, X G W C G L

G W I O L 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

2. Clue: N = I

Medium · 41 letters

Z X O N G R K N I B S G

V Z C E S V B J N V B E

D N G R Z I F Z N G S D

Q P B Z 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

3. Clue: C = I

Medium · 41 letters

M Y F N V G V A C U M X A N Y

S X C Q J F N F O O , C U

M X A N Y S X C Q J M V O 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

4. Clue: E = H

Medium · 41 letters

U E V E A S E V Y U E V

T V M M A K E Z Q S , U E V

K E Y A M M V Y A U

K R Z Q W 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

5. Clue: A = T

Medium · 41 letters

A I N K J E E W P N Q S P A

M B J S W F J A I F T A N B

A I T A I T Q R T Q Q N W .

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: X = T

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X Z C N Z U G F X X Z N K

X F I J F U X , Q Z B N I

L F W U N X F X L N

C I G Y N 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

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. "A mind may be fitted for some things, not for others."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)*

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

2. "A blind pigeon may sometimes find a grain of wheat."

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

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

3. "Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well."

— *Earl of Chesterfield, 1746, Letter, March 10, 1746 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "The higher the bell is hung, the shriller it sounds."

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

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

5. "The mill does not grind with water that has passed."

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

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

6. "Time is not tied to a post, like a horse to the manger."

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

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