

Medium Cryptograms — Set 121

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: M = E

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D A M V E U C X Y G I K

Z C X Y O M D M K E A K Z T Q E M

Q B A Q X M Z D B K T M D A K X

Z A M V V C X Y Z M K Z Q B

Y Q E M .

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 = E

Medium · 63 letters

U V G Q G Y Q G Y M W Q U W K

 X G P F V W M G I B M Y O G M A W

 S Q G Y X Y P A X Y P U Z G Z B C G

 Y M U Y P A B P O H W P 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

3. Clue: I = S

Medium · 63 letters

X H J S G Z O M A H

 U J I I Z I I A J H I Z T B J Q

 C Z M X A H I M W Z I X Q Z

 O W X C Q M W X M A M W X B A H

 U N C I N A M .

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: F = E

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B X M A F M H V L F M X B W X V ,

A F U M J H Z F M H V L F M X

F C F , M Y F F V L F N W X A Y

W U L Q S J H D M H A B J Y Y O C .

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 = E

Medium · 63 letters

I X P P T P R T V I S , M K L ; Y A

O K R R E A H I R G K S X : I M

H Y A C M I C , O Y A S H Y A I X A

K M K S H Y A O K H K M P Q 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

6. Clue: X = E

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I X Q G S X L E C

Y X Z R V M V E G Q, P N X Q V N X O

Z X Y S G Y I M K G G J J X X J,

S M E C V G K X V B Y X J E V

S G Y E 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

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 drying up a single tear has more of honest fame than shedding seas of gore."

— Lord Byron, 1819, *Don Juan*, Canto VIII. Stanza 3 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "There are a sort of men whose visages do cream and mantle like a standing pond."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "An object in possession seldom retains the same charm that it had in pursuit."

— Pliny the Younger, 105, *Letters*, Book II. Letter XV. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Pride in their port, defiance in their eye, I see the lords of humankind pass by."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1764, *The Traveller*, Line 327 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "A good old man, sir; he will be talking: as they say, When the age is in the wit is out."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act III. Sc. 5 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Men of evil reputation, when they perform a good deed, fail to get credit for it."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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