

Medium Cryptograms — Set 125

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: H = E

Medium · 64 letters

L H Z H I Y N H M J C J D Z Y A

 X H Z U M R Z J K P H W H J M R M ,

 V L D I L D K J Q Q R Y K P S H M

 J Z H I J Q Q H T A Y Y Q 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: T = E

Medium · 64 letters

S V T P Y M P G Z H Y M G G S P A E

 S V Y H W E V L W Y A G Q A M

 B H H Y T , F P X T V T M E T V H E G

 M Y T G G T M P A F Q Z T .

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: U = A

Medium · 64 letters

I P ' B B E U S P U Z I U Z E M J Q

U J G U K U N R M U B

V L R Z M G P , U Z K U J O

V R E P N K U J J M Z E

W V I U N G Z E U S 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: A = S

Medium · 64 letters

Z W D F N M P V G D O ' A

N T W F D O V D Q A A U W V O Y A T

B N D Q A T O E W V P P A B N M V W

F T L J U W D Y W M A A B T R 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

5. Clue: F = E

Medium · 64 letters

V R F Y F L W S T W E

H S O F H F I V C S Q V R F

X I W O F L C F G L F V R F

C G H F, X Y G I T T S Z I Q L S H

G A F V S G A 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

6. Clue: I = T

Medium · 64 letters

I X W E W J K W I Y B W E B O T O

W F W R V K Y V J T Y B I F, T O G

B O O V I Y W I I B O D I X W

K B D X I Z V Z W O I E Y B S.

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. "Here comes a pair of very strange beasts, which in all tongues are called fools."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act V. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Their discords sting through Burns and Moore, Like hedgehogs dressed in lace."

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1836, *Poems* (1836), *The Music-Grinders* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "We'll have a swashing and a martial outside, As many other mannish cowards have."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "From Helicon's harmonious springs a thousand rills their mazy progress take."

— Thomas Gray, 1757, *The Progress of Poesy*, I. 1, Line 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The periodic movements of the universe are the same, up and down from age to age."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

6. "The secret lies in an eye for locality, and in not letting the right moment slip."

— Sun Tzu, 1910, *The Art of War* (Lionel Giles translation, 1910)

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