

Medium Cryptograms — Set 134

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: R = T

Medium · 66 letters

S G U J M E M F V E R P C O R

R P C O F P R E N S U Q C O J

S C N R ; R P C O F P R V E R P C O R

S G U J M E M F E N Z G J E S C O N .

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: W = T

Medium · 66 letters

E U U W D E W W P N E K W D N

A U C L N E P N L R W E

D E I K S R U W C W D N W P X L N Q

W D E W Q U R Y L N P X I X W Q

L C Q C Y .

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: Z = E

Medium · 66 letters

V Z D W T K F C Z F P C B V D W

T R K D C F W E I Z W K H V C W Z

Z F P W H D I I N T G Z V D N

Y X Z T K Z W K , T F P F C K

E Z 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

4. Clue: V = O

Medium · 66 letters

Y B N U P V Z A C B A X V T ,

S V B S M ; Y E M V Z W M E P V Z

G L A L B G M L L I H B A A V G

G M L T Y N E Z Q H I L X V O L A

P V Z .

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 · 66 letters

Z X A W Z O J Q L T N F Q J L A

V M O Z X J O O L B A Z U Z A P

L X G T I I T Q A M X Z A P

B L M A Z T X Z O X T A

M X A Z E J H 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

6. Clue: O = T

Medium · 66 letters

N O Z R I G N Z R K D

K G Z U N P D S A E R Z D O N A L

O A U R O D H A C R B R S S

N L O A D K P A O P Y

G L T R Z K O D L T N L 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. "Learning without thought is labour lost; thought without learning is perilous."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

2. "All that tread the globe are but a handful to the tribes that slumber in its bosom."

— William Cullen Bryant, 1821, *Thanatopsis* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "He is at no end of his actions blest whose ends will make him greatest, and not best."

— George Chapman, 1608, *The Conspiracy and Tragedy of Charles, Duke of Byron*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "I ask your pardon, coach; I thought you were a wheelbarrow when I stumbled over you."

— Irish proverb, 1859, *Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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

5. "In this era of great business activity and opportunity caution is not untimely."

— William McKinley, 1900, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "It requires a surgical operation to get a joke well into a Scotch understanding."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I. p. 15 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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