

Medium Cryptograms — Set 137

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: D = A

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D V D P Q C Z Y R V D R K B U Z O

C Y V R B I O H D P B P E D

R Z U U Z Q D R B D R Y I M D R

C B H D P Y P N B P K D

A I B D R S U B .

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: E = L

Medium · 67 letters

Y Z J O B T E R E C I Z C U G E E

 N O Z G K Z J B X N O Z Y B M E R

 C U G U O B T M ; G A , C U G E E

 N O Z Y B M E R J B X N O Z

 G K 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: F = E

Medium · 67 letters

H W F B Y M I N D H S A H A S

 W N P F F P F D Q Y B Z Y Z W B

 N D F R F D A B Y N M M I

 X F M S T W H K J M N D F O N X

 N D H S A H 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

4. Clue: H = E

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S W A R T H V Z V H A A S X E , O E

O J E B C X E Y H A H N X R H ,

C B V V N X C P V O E J N B F E

R T H R B C C H E R B K T O A

K X R 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

5. Clue: I = E

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C I O W M I W T D T D N I C Q I T

Z I T V E I D V D E V D H W L W V

C I E I Z I D T V V F A I D

L F E Z F L

D Y V F A W F N E D J Q R .

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: W = E

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B I W L X D B I ' L Z H K

L Y W W T L F B B I W C H D L W

H V B I W I F X X W E , F C Z

U F M W L F B B I W K E D C Z D C K

H V B W W B I .

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 man who is master of himself can end a sorrow as easily as he can invent a pleasure."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

2. "We should live in all the ages of the world in an hour; ay, in all the worlds of the ages."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

3. "The only artists I have ever known who are personally delightful are bad artists."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

4. "Must helpless man, in ignorance sedate, Roll darkling down the torrent of his fate?"

— Samuel Johnson, 1749, *The Vanity of Human Wishes*, Line 345 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "We live in an age when men treat art as if it were meant to be a form of autobiography."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

6. "The smith's dog sleeps at the noise of the hammer, and wakes at the grinding of teeth."

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

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