

Medium Cryptograms — Set 139

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: L = E

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Y L J W E J Z L S J J N L G L P

S P R M U G L P M L Y Y ; J Z L S J

J N L G S E H D J N L O M L Z L

Z L S Y ; T L Z N S T E J N L O

S Z L .

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: K = E

Medium · 67 letters

G B D R O Q G U H O E Q K S G U S

G U Z J K K E Z K E S S B P B U R

K Y Q K C Z U H O E Q K S G U S

G U Z J K K E T K I S U S G B R 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

3. Clue: U = E

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U F U P G H E U A E Y C U Z J H

Q Z N U P E R U

D V H U P F Y E J D Z D K Y Z

J Z E U O O J L U Z E Y Z N

T Y E M R K Q O A U D A O 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

4. Clue: G = S

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O W X P S Q X F G S O K M E

U W K G S R T J T F N L I X Y O G

T Y P M U S Y S M Y G

X I A F T R X G T J J G M F O G M E

I X O W M P G .

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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J F R K Y L J F G I Q I O D

S F R D Z I O R B S N L B T G S

Q O L K H , L ' Y H I B G S B I Q

J F G G O Q Y G I Q B H L Q S F R D

W O J 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

6. Clue: J = E

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I F J Z J L D X J M H X

D O G N D C G X R T J C J M D I L

H M I J C D C P H K P J L I F J

K H L L H M Y X J L J C I

T K J L L D C N L .

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 wordsOF 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. "Let us treat the men and women well; treat them as if they were real; perhaps they are."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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

2. "How much a dunce that has been sent to roam Excels a dunce that has been kept at home!"

— *William Cowper, 1782, Poems (1782), The Progress of Error. Line 415 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Every step taken is under the observation of an intelligent and watchful people."

— *Benjamin Harrison, 1889, First Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "The diversity of physical arguments and opinions embraces all sorts of methods."

— *Michel de Montaigne, 1588, Essays, Book III, Chap. XIII. Of Experience (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Could I come near your beauty with my nails, I'd set my ten commandments in your face."

— *William Shakespeare, 1592, King Henry VI, Part II. Act I. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "The desire for imaginary benefits often involves the loss of present blessings."

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

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