

Medium Cryptograms — Set 140

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 = N

Medium · 67 letters

O Y S L N F Q Z J Q

H L O K J I O D T E J I Z Q D K ,

E J K F O E A O D D J I U J Y L I J

F O C Q D A E J D A F O C L D Q D

J I I Q D 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

2. Clue: R = E

Medium · 67 letters

Z E S R K Y T R K S O R :

P Y K M F P I A E P P R R Z E

G F R ; E Q E O G K D M F A M

P R R Z L F K H Y L K , I S Y D L

K D Y K M R S R T 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

3. Clue: X = E

Medium · 67 letters

C E J S V X B K A B C X J C E

I O E J T B A T B C F M X B V A W X

K C X B X F D E N K C E R

V F S E N O J A K C F T F Y X E R

X F B X !

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: S = T

Medium · 67 letters

C J D Z K S , C S C W Z W

F C D D C K P V S S X

Z R R O X R O C Z S Q S L Q

S L X P A L S W X D X S L Q O W Z W

C S C W S X C J U Q J 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

5. Clue: F = A

Medium · 67 letters

N H N V F D F A N D I Z M H X P

Z E F Q Q F J J L R H F H N Z S

H X F H F D F S D F P X F O L

H X F H F Q Q Z I F S J L X L

H F W L 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

6. Clue: T = E

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A B X M B J C N H G B T O T W J G

V T L I L G K T W G

Q J W E K H T W Q T K W G B T

C N G K Z L G T S C M G K Q T J E

G B T I T J I N 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

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. "If you have a loitering servant, set his dinner before him and send him on an errand."

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

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

2. "Dare to be true: nothing can need a lie; A fault which needs it most, grows two thereby."

— George Herbert, 1633, *The Temple, The Church Porch* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "How blest is he who crowns in shades like these a youth of labour with an age of ease!"

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, *The Deserted Village, Line 99* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "In fact, it is as difficult to appropriate the thoughts of others as it is to invent."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1876, *Letters and Social Aims, Quotation and Originality* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "It is a maxim worthy of all acceptance that a man may have that allowance he takes."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

6. "Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people?"

— Abraham Lincoln, 1861, *First Inaugural Address*

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