

Medium Cryptograms — Set 142

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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 = E

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Y N D D H N Q K R , Y Q

R Q F D D T Y D W Y , O W

Q S K X K W O Z R Q M W E ,

O W E Y N D S D K W K R

Y N D F O X K H O W E

H N O S F Q B K 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

2. Clue: X = S

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L R O X H Z O K T U K W N G

T X X N L T X B T O F N G F

D U W Z U X O F ; L R O

W O N G W N G T X

N V S N P X B H V V U B

F T X L K O X 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Clue: O = E

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P X U O X Y Z Y O V X O Y

Q U Y H V G V X Y O Y, Z C W

I Q H P W C Q B J O

I Q V B E B Z S X C L Q V

S O O G X C L X U X B

I O V O C Q 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

4. Clue: S = E

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M L S I U R R S R A J A D E

G S A G F S U E S K S M M S E

J S Q, W F A M L S Q, U O Q

L A D R S Q M L U O M L S B E

J U M L S E R V S E 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: N = A

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P Z Q Z I U O N B X C K Z B

N V X G G X B ; G S X

G S D P E D C , G Z Q X

N V L N U C S N A A U L D G S

A V X N C N P G

O Z Y A N P D Z P C .

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: N = E

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H Z F N U P I M P B U

B Z H B U B Q S Z K I N

U P V S K P Z Z N D T P N V ;

K A G V H Z N U N M P T T :

S Q Z M P V G Q I A N L N Z

T P N 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

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

Answer key

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1. "The echo is, to some extent, an original sound, and therein is the magic and charm of it."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "The superior man is satisfied and composed; the mean man is always full of distress."

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

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

3. "Life is a series of surprises, and would not be worth taking or keeping if it were not."

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

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

4. "The masses of our people are better fed, clothed, and housed than their fathers were."

— Benjamin Harrison, 1889, *Inaugural Address*

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

5. "Nobody cares for a letter; the thing is, to be always happy with pleasant companions."

— Jane Austen, 1815, *Emma*

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

6. "Urge him with truth to frame his fair replies; And sure he will: for Wisdom never lies."

— Alexander Pope, 1726, *The Odyssey of Homer* (Pope's translation), Book III. Line 25 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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