

Medium Cryptograms — Set 145

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: B = E

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D C B Y C B G Y C B A E Y Q C B G

V Y G E I B Y C B V Y S H B, S G

Y C B V Y S H B Y C B

A E Y Q C B G, D S B O B Y S Y C B

A E Y Q C B 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

2. Clue: M = I

Medium · 68 letters

M N M R R V X C F R I V G N E

E S K ' R H K S M V R , R V X C F S

E I K S M S H L E G Q M N , N E

C F W K F Y M R P M A K E L

N C F N A M S 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: M = E

Medium · 68 letters

H N C E D H A Y A B C O E K M ,

N C G U I M L H U P M D E Q B W M

N E D P P M L ' E H Q U D G ,

J B Y A U D Y U D L E Z M H B N Q

J U C G M 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

4. Clue: G = O

Medium · 68 letters

E B I G D N B E B A J S T L V

E B A L , R G E B G Z K I R T L S

T L V R D U B , A L B G X K B K I

E G T E E T A L R W B G G S G I

J I G G 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: U = E

Medium · 69 letters

W J J F D U A U F D L S X A

D W V V U S F B F D U R N Q

P U W A B S B Y F D U L P

L X S B P W S K U B Y C D W F L A

X B B G W S G U M L 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

6. Clue: E = O

Medium · 69 letters

I D C O R Y N E G H L C L U

L C D U L K G D Y E F D L R E U

B E F Y N D X N E T X D E B N T R

H L T G P X F L B Y E F

Q F E B D R R T E 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. "Whether the pitcher strike the stone, or the stone the pitcher, woe be to the pitcher."

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

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

2. "It is such a spur to one's genius, such an opening for wit, to have a dislike of that kind."

— Jane Austen, 1813, *Pride and Prejudice*

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

3. "Can such things be, And overcome us like a summer's cloud, Without our special wonder?"

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act III. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Through thick and thin, both over bank and bush, In hope her to attain by hook or crook."

— Edmund Spenser, 1590, *The Faerie Queene*, Book III. Canto I. St. 17 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "All these things happen to them by reason of their ignorance of what is good and evil."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

6. "We must hold a man amenable to reason for the choice of his daily craft or profession."

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

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