

Medium Cryptograms — Set 146

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: C = E

Medium · 69 letters

U M C B Q N S W T U Q D M A T

L W D , U M J X B J U R

U M C D M C F Q Z J B J D A W X C

M C F A J F C R N J F D D M W B

R M C A W X C R A 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

2. Clue: X = A

Medium · 69 letters

C J T T U Z Q M X W W X K M V K E

C L J S X M R J C - I T X A J , X E O

Z E J B K T T A X T T C L J S

P T X A R X E O X E Z C L J M

B L K C 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: B = T

Medium · 69 letters

M B B Z U C B B X Z Z S J , M S J

S Z A Z T Y B M S J B P J P F R B ;

S P B X E S V ' Y Y P X M T J R F B

Y Z M T L X K E I I N E S J E B

P F 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: D = E

Medium · 69 letters

J D S Z R W D S N D O B P X W W P D

V B X D L O S M D Q C X W U P D Q Q

M Z K B O V D W U O S W U D T A Z

P O B V D J X Q R Z B W K S D Q .

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: G = I

Medium · 69 letters

G Z D J K O X V A J J L G V S J

S N W U W W R U J Z S G Y W , X V R

U X D Q N G O N F P X G V Q G A A

F P J Q X V R Q N G O N Q G A A

V 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

6. Clue: C = E

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C H K I D X P Q P Q H R F U R

I E P L U G Q I H P H D H R H R F

C H K I E P C R Q E Q O C F Q U

Y C N X F Z C F P U O C O B

Q I C G C Y 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

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. "When I play with my cat, who knows whether I do not make her more sport than she makes me?"

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays, Book II, Chap. XII. Apology for Raimond Sebond* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Tell your affairs in the market-place, and one will call them black and another white."

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

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

3. "Attempt the end, and never stand to doubt; Nothing's so hard but search will find it out."

— Robert Herrick, 1648, *Hesperides, Seek and Find* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Men often bear little grievances with less courage than they do large misfortunes."

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

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

5. "If you can look into the seeds of time, And say which grain will grow and which will not."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth, Act I. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Each must stand on his worth as a man and each is entitled to be judged solely thereby."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1904, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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