

Medium Cryptograms — Set 15

6 puzzles · Large 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: E = A

Medium · 42 letters

N O F E J S S N D S N A

D H G F S L Z X O E L A D O

I H N N Q E G G J S V E

G E Z O .

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 = E

Medium · 42 letters

O F X X M X C W X G E X Y X

O F X A C X G Y X C ; O F X

X U D C B O F X D

J X B J G 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: A = O

Medium · 42 letters

M R L P P X K O U D D S X X P

M A A N M A K P C A D X

S C A I L E D S L R R A S

U P .

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: W = N

Medium · 42 letters

B U ' V R O I X V X W U U A

O A A L A W U D I K X B W ,

P D I W A W I V U X W N V

N K 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

5. Clue: J = E

Medium · 42 letters

W Y H J X H Y Z N S C Q

X Q H A J C L K Q C L K J

X Q H A J C J H N Y Z N

L K J H 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: I = A

Medium · 42 letters

I F I O D G C H T V

I T Y I K D G I N W I O

C B B H L I R S C O C E

D C F W A S O 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 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 apostropheT (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 a fool hold his tongue and he will pass for a sage."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 914 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "The eyes believe themselves; the ears other people."

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

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

3. "Flattery is sweet food for those who can swallow it."

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

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

4. "It's pleasant to look on the rain, when one stands dry."

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

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

5. "More grows in a garden than the gardener sows there."

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

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

6. "A man should always have an occupation of some kind."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1895, The Importance of Being Earnest*

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