

Medium Cryptograms — Set 153

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: C = T

Medium · 70 letters

B C B W U O C C O X

V O Y Z B M L Q B C G H O M

B M Y N N O C B C O, C G Y M

Q B C G C G R W O C G Y C

Y X O Q G O X O C G O J

Q R F Z V U 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: C = E

Medium · 70 letters

P Z I O O C M , J N W O ,

P M O I M C D H C K U C O

Y I C Z U R N M O N U T

F P M G U R F C Z

Z I E H E R Z C P F P M ,

P M O W P G T R F N H C M .

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: W = T

Medium · 70 letters

L S B V B F W D S Z P H D W

W D B W R P F P W F W D S F S

F B L S Q S F ; L S B V B F

W D S V Y L L Q L V I U F

W D B W E B V A A Q

D S B V W .

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: E = I

Medium · 71 letters

M P J D T V D E T T Q

F D B W E T V H P D J P E O

M P D H H G Q D J A E W

M E W A B L B H E J E Q T

D T K U E B W G L B W Q G

M E W A O P D 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

5. Clue: H = O

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B R Y E V Z V I

N H Z V I F Q V F E J Y F

U Y G I A K M H E H

S I H Q H E V U I V V

S H S P A Y I

V M P J Y E G H F H P N R E

E H T V M H F 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: B = T

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D B D U G Y U U D F R M B Y
I L W M L U M P D Y S U
B S P K Y Q V D K E , L K E
N M B B Y B L R X
G R M L U L K B R N L K E
J I M M P Q S R R 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

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. "It is better dealing with men in appetite, than with those that are where they would be."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

2. "A sudden, bold, and unexpected question doth many times surprise a man, and lay him open."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

3. "Dear as the light that visits these sad eyes; Dear as the ruddy drops that warm my heart."

— Thomas Gray, 1757, *The Bard, I. 3, Line 12* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "We can gain no lasting peace if we approach it with suspicion and mistrust or with fear."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1945, *Fourth Inaugural Address*

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

5. "Whatever Government can fairly do to promote free popular education ought to be done."

— Rutherford B. Hayes, 1880, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "It is possible to have a serious turn of mind, and yet to talk pleasantly and cheerfully."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)*

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