

Medium Cryptograms — Set 156

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: K = E

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Y H Y Z S G A C K Z K I L K D J

U Y I F Y I P I H C Y K F

K U K C N K I L Y K Z H E B H H E K

I B H Y Q K U K H B T D J B U B I

Y Z H K Z H K F .

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 = E

Medium · 72 letters

N M K V H Q M O I P H H E O I N M
 W H I I B X M V C X N I B Q H K F,
 O L M M I B O I N M R K C V K H O M
 R M M R O J M F M B I N I N M
 I N H K F.

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: Y = O

Medium · 72 letters

L A L H J W X J M H K J L E G I W
 A Y K J D A G D Y P K T Y K W T
 X C Y P Y E T C J H F E Y X E
 G Y D J B T D M U D L T G
 H K J V T Y G A L P T.

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: C = E

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U Z O C M Z Z P U B D C F Z M C

F B U F C E , Z F A C D U F Z M C

U X B V V Z X C E , B L E U Z O C

K C X F Z M C Q A C X C E B L E

E R T C U F C E .

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: O = E

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A S O K O D X J Z D Q Q O K O P B O

M O A L O O P O J A D P T J P Z

Z K D P V D P T Q Y K

X A K O P T A S J P Z Q K Y I

I O K O T E W A A Y P 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

6. Clue: Q = E

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Z W M H X X O M Q Q D P K X X V

C Q H D F M Q D Q T D A H O M A P

M H U Z Y S G Q W O Q Y G Q G

C Q X A N F M Q G Z S Y Z F V A P

M Z W F A D 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 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. "It is by presence of mind in untried emergencies that the native metal of a man is tested."

— James Russell Lowell, 1871, *My Study Windows*, Abraham Lincoln, 1864 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Her modest looks the cottage might adorn, Sweet as the primrose peeps beneath the thorn."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, *The Deserted Village*, Line 329 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "It is always painful to part from people whom one has known for a very brief space of time."

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

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

4. "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *Essays*, *Of Studies* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "There is a difference between eating and drinking for strength and from mere gluttony."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

6. "I shall cheerfully bear the reproach of having descended below the dignity of history."

— Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1849, *The History of England*, Vol. I. Chap. I (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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