

Medium Cryptograms — Set 158

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

Medium · 72 letters

A C K E K L R R B E K M D I J

X E K Y A K E F L R U J T, A C Y I

F K M M A J A L T K A C K

N K X L I I L I X R, Y I U

J I R K A R, J S A C L I X R.

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: P = E

Medium · 72 letters

I D E I X N Y P R R O Y I N Z D B

N P K P C X R E C D P O C X

E I Z X, I D S O P Y Y I S C G D

E Z R R E C T Y S P X R G Z K E

Y C C R P J I X 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

3. Clue: L = E

Medium · 72 letters

E P L D K K L T L Y F S O L Z E S

H P D Z N Y S O M V M G D M V E A,

S Z C L Z S H V E A V M

R L D G E G, V G D F S O L Z

R L P V M Y E P L L A 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: O = E

Medium · 73 letters

V Q W O Q V O Q G J J V Q J

 Y O W O G V Q G X O Y B, Q Y X Q

 J O C S O G J V Q J Y O W O G

 J U G O B, Q Y X Q J P R Z V

 J V Q J Y O W O G V R G J 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

5. Clue: M = E

Medium · 73 letters

Z I Z T O V G T V O M G V L K

 P E G M X E L M T I I E I M W W

 L E I X Z L B I X V L I E H M

 T Z W M L I F X M L F M X V N M

 H M B C L I E I M W 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

6. Clue: G = E

Medium · 73 letters

I S G D G L E J X G J P ,

L J P G G P , I X R W A L J M

Z X X A E X D G Y K G D L R G J I E ,

X D I X I D W B G U , X D I X

M W I S G D L J M Q G W U I 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

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. "There is surely no greater wisdom, than well to time the beginnings, and onsets, of things."

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

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

2. "An harmless flaming meteor shone for hair, And fell adown his shoulders with loose care."

— Abraham Cowley, 1656, *Davideis*, Book II. Line 95 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "The alleged power to charm down insanity, or ferocity in beasts, is a power behind the eye."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1860, *The Conduct of Life, Behaviour* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts."

— Charles Dickens, 1865, *Our Mutual Friend*

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

5. "It is far safer and more honest to tell nothing than to be silent when we have begun to tell."

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

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

6. "There is no end, indeed, to making books or experiments, or to travel, or to gathering wealth."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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