

# Medium Cryptograms — Set 161

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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: L = T

Medium · 73 letters

P F L V K S E L R F L E E

C J G L A B V P J G . A L A K

R F L L F G L E D J Y F E P Z

K F B E S Z - D J S Z Z A J O E S Z K

L D J S S E S F J L J P 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

2. Clue: D = O

Medium · 73 letters

Y K U D I O X C I J A J G

M D F R I M P D G A X T T Y F J H H ,

Y F K I H J X H S I M A D K

U D I G D N F H T Y G Y P Y F P D

A J G X H U D I M X 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: I = E

Medium · 73 letters

W M Y , A I S E Q I E K A M S U I C

M U S C L E F A I Y ' W A G O W I ,

E U Q F A I N Y M K J W E Y I

E R M X I E F F A M W Q E C F G

F I W F M L C M 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

4. Clue: Q = T

Medium · 73 letters

O K X C H H C P F M V C P C Q

U K H K H E K U Q G I Q R Q R Z ,

I A Q K U I F F , I F O I M Z Q G K

A R U Z Q N K U Z C P Q G I Q R Z

Z N K I S R P Y .

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: L = E

Medium · 73 letters

E R Q Q Y Y K Y G V I R B L H Y

H E L V L D L V M L V R H L

E F Q Q W , R I A B R T L H E L

M R M M Q F I S S Y W W F O Y P

H E L R F V J V K Y G H .

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: F = T

Medium · 73 letters

F C L H B B V V Q G D F I V

C F I V N F N E Q V L ,

B E A E B G F S J H L F O V

L I C T D ; G D F I V Z E T ,

B C D B V E Z J V D F C W G F

T G Z Z Q 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

**Solver's cheat sheet**

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| <b>Most common letters</b>        | E T A O I N S H R D L U                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Most common 1-letter words</b> | A I                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Most common 2-letter words</b> | OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US<br>AM                                                                                    |
| <b>Most common 3-letter words</b> | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET<br>HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT<br>SAY SHE TOO USE |
| <b>Common double letters</b>      | LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Common word endings</b>        | -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST                                                                                                                         |
| <b>After an apostrophe</b>        | 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. "Let us not be too particular. It is better to have old second-hand diamonds than none at all."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

2. "If you value her conduct or happiness, infuse as much of your own spirit into her as you can."

— Jane Austen, 1817, *Persuasion*

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

3. "Sir, he made a chimney in my father's house, and the bricks are alive at this day to testify it."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, Part II. Act IV. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "We commonly do not remember that it is, after all, always the first person that is speaking."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "Halloo your name to the reverberate hills, And make the babbling gossip of the air Cry out."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Twelfth Night, Act I. Sc. 5* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "To succeed in the other trades, capacity must be shown; in the law, concealment of it will do."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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