

Medium Cryptograms — Set 163

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: X = E

Medium · 74 letters

M F X J I C M F J U X Z X Y F D Q

D U O D Y I J , D U Q F D Z X

C U Z D Y C D S A O J X D A X Q

M F X C Y A X M M X Y J L C M F

M F X C Y M F T I S 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

2. Clue: R = E

Medium · 74 letters

G D Z L R E T I V R E X Y C X Z

Z L R C Z L R Q R Z Z R W

I C P O R W , E X Y T I E P I E

Z L R E I W R C X Z Z L R T R C

E X Y Z X X V Z L R T D X 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

3. Clue: C = E

Medium · 74 letters

L V Z Z V B Q J B X

J A V E V S H K Z F E C K S H E C J

Y K Z D S M C C K E S M

H Q J C C Q , N B S M Y M C Q Y C

Y K D C K Q W Y M C Q Y C

J Z C C A .

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: U = H

Medium · 74 letters

O G P P I I , X U L O U T Q A I R

 M U I H G K L M L O L Q J X L R I ,

 Q J C R I I M U Y G B Z U Q K K

 M U L J Z R X L M U U L R

 U Q K P - R U B M I S I 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

5. Clue: P = E

Medium · 74 letters

A P R W S R R V Q W K U ,

 Y P B X H U P R V P C X L P

 B S D D S W , P W T S C I S L

 R V X R R V P A P U U U V X L P

 S I S H L B S W U Q O P L X R Q S 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: F = N

Medium · 74 letters

H T A H J R A , L H J D F S , X F V
 L D R F V C P F V P L H T A
 C P F V H T X H N X F A C Z J X N A
 A U R X E E Q S J A X H H T P F S L
 X F V L C X E 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

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
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. "The Smiths never had any arms, and have invariably sealed their letters with their thumbs."

— Sydney Smith, 1855, *Lady Holland's Memoir of the Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I. p. 244 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "If they make you not then the better answer, you may say they are not the men you took them for."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth Unseen, both when we wake and when we sleep."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book IV. Line 677 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Coffee, which makes the politician wise, And see through all things with his half-shut eyes."

— Alexander Pope, 1714, *The Rape of the Lock*, Canto III. Line 117 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Let not things, because they are common, enjoy for that the less share of our consideration."

— Pliny the Elder, 77, *Natural History (Naturalis Historia)*, Book XIX. Sect. 59 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The true, strong, and sound mind is the mind that can embrace equally great things and small."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell)*. Vol. VII. Chap. VI. 1778 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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