

Medium Cryptograms — Set 164

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: B = E

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W X B J E V B Y W L S V

C B Y W G S J Q S B F P E

Q L Y B F B M O J M B

Y R H H J M W L C E B W X L S

J S B W X L W Q L Y S B Q

L S V R S W M P B 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

2. Clue: H = E

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R N M P A F E U J ,

J N L H I H X , L Q A Q F Q B

L J N L J Q U H I H X J H

L X N U H , P E P E U

O H U U H X U J Q B Q B D

N U J H X F Q B G N S M P

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

3. Clue: G = I

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Y G O G R F M G P F U G S P

K X O X R N I X V U Y X

C G P M O S H F P

S O U K G A Y . G U

X P F N I X V Y G R U S

K Q P , U Y S Q M Y P S U U S

O S F K .

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: L = T

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L U B O B F D I M L U F I H

 S M O B K B O L W F I L U W I

 L U W L Z M L U W O B

 O F H U L , B R K B T L

 T B O U W T D L U W L Z M L U

 W O B Y O M I 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

5. Clue: O = E

Medium · 75 letters

Q G J O G V L K O Y O Q L

L K G T I K L G V

J C H B D H W K C Q P G H I

Y O O H Q O O B D H I V G N

C V G N J T P C V G N

Z O N J C H O H L Z O C S 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

6. Clue: M = O

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V G N M D U X H R N X Y
Y M U Z X M H D V Z H O M Q
V R S M D U F M Q X N X A ; V
Z B Y Y U X Q V N X Y M U Z
X M H D V Z H O M Q H S U
R S M D U Y 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

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. "The oldest and best known evil was ever more supportable than one that was new and untried."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1588, *Essays*, Book III, Chap. IX. *Of Vanity* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Goldsmith, however, was a man who whatever he wrote, did it better than any other man could do."

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

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

3. "His imagination resembled the wings of an ostrich. It enabled him to run, though not to soar."

— Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1828, *On John Dryden*. 1828 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "There is nothing more certain than that both are right, except perhaps that both are wrong."

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

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

5. "Some of the best thought of mankind has long been seeking for a formula for permanent peace."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1925, *Inaugural Address*

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

6. "A violent wind does not last for a whole morning; a sudden rain does not last for the whole day."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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