

Medium Cryptograms — Set 169

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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: Q = E

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Y F Q E W Z B P ' X K Z Q S Y O Q U

F S A Q U W Y I W O O W U B R

J Q Q U K Z Q S Y X I F W B S Z X ,

U W Z G Y X K Z Q S Y

X I F W B S Z X K Z Q S Y O Q U .

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

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A S M H X M N A L B M X B I E

A Q R U M X N X M

A S M R B M C Y M B

E I X O N X T Q G H A S M

R I Y M R M G A E I X E I X M B A

D X M B M X Y N A Q I G .

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: U = E

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Q M A L J U , F A F L I

R Z S F D Q S M D G Z E U C M D ,

Z C N U O Y J F L U S J M O K U

M O U X D M S U N I J U A Q D W T

A F I J U O L F H I J U J U O 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

4. Clue: J = I

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J P J H R T U R S H U F Q P X

U X J T V R H B J M I R

O D V H P J F M , P X F D I X J P

J H M F P R T U R S H U F Q P X

U X J T V R M H U V Q J M I F M 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

5. Clue: G = E

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T L V V X L Z V A L T W D G T

 V S G G T L A D L O Z X G Y W S V

 I L O K J A F Y Z G , - Z O I S

 D G T F Z K Y H G Y T V S G Z G

 J G W G T G A F V G J F C Z .

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: D = E

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W A D K B I E V O Q J A W

 L B F F D F Q X G Q F Q N O D

 W A K E M J A F L B T D B X H

 E X O I Y A D X Q W V B O O F E X

 B X E N Z D T W Q F Q W F D D X .

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 world's great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor its great scholars great men."
— Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1858, *The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table*, VI (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=V B=L C=J D=X E=W F=H G=I H=K I=C J=B K=G L=U M=Z N=F O=M P=D Q=E R=Y S=A T=Q U=N V=P W=O X=S
Y=T Z=R
2. "The great users of timber are themselves forwarding the movement for forest preservation."
— Theodore Roosevelt, 1905, *Fifth Annual Message to Congress*
Cipher key: A=T B=S C=L D=P E=F F=X G=N H=G I=O J=Z K=Q L=U M=E N=A O=W P=K Q=I R=M S=H T=D U=B V=C W=Y X=R
Y=V Z=J
3. "I am she, O most bucolical juvenal, under whose charge are placed the milky mothers of the herd."
— Sir Walter Scott, 1825, *The Betrothed*, Chap. XXVIII (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=M B=X C=N D=L E=V F=O G=J H=F I=T J=H K=G L=S M=A N=D O=R P=Q Q=I R=B S=C T=Y U=E V=Z W=K X=P
Y=W Z=U
4. "It is always worth while asking a question, though it is not always worth while answering one."
— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *An Ideal Husband*
Cipher key: A=J B=K C=F D=U E=Z F=O G=M H=S I=G J=I K=X L=P M=N N=C O=Q P=T Q=R R=A S=Y T=L U=W V=E W=V X=H
Y=B Z=D
5. "Not two strong men the enormous weight could raise, - Such men as live in these degenerate days."
— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation)*, Book V. Line 371 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=R B=Q C=Y D=M E=J F=A G=E H=V I=C J=D K=L L=O M=F N=Z O=U P=B Q=P R=X S=H T=N U=K V=T W=G X=W
Y=I Z=S
6. "The ray of light passes invisible through space and only when it falls on an object is it seen."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*
Cipher key: A=H B=A C=M D=E E=O F=S G=V H=D I=Y J=G K=R L=P M=U N=B O=L P=X Q=I R=K S=Q T=C U=Z V=F W=T X=N
Y=W Z=J