

Medium Cryptograms — Set 17

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: I = O

Medium · 42 letters

B M I M J Q J O I X V S W

C X M C Q M W J K E J X V I

J T T O M W B I A T K

I L W 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

2. Clue: M = O

Medium · 42 letters

U O M X O S D M Z

H M P Y D K - V T P T N

V M K P Y U F M X O J M Z

N S Y M M A - V T 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: P = A

Medium · 42 letters

P D P T Q X Q P C H P T M

S P H H V E T P B M P T P H

X M R R R E C P H U M E V

T M .

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: K = E

Medium · 42 letters

N W H D K A X K N H Q W

Y A U K B C Q K W C V Q K

Y H I W Q Q K D D C

W J X U B K 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

5. Clue: O = E

Medium · 42 letters

Q T O V Q P K

W O A Q P O R G T K S C

W O D D O P D R G T D O T

G A D O P V G P K C .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 42 letters

A I A Q N E E B I E F E P B

I F S V P E I F S Q E G

E Z S T F E A Q

Q T A O O A Z 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

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. "Who has a tongue in his head can go all the world over."

— *Italian proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

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

2. "An ounce of mother-wit is worth a pound of school-wit."

— *German proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

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

3. "A familiar name cannot make a man less strange to me."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1862, Walking*

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

4. "While one with moderate haste might tell a hundred."

— *William Shakespeare, 1601, Hamlet, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "One word beforehand is better than ten afterwards."

— *Danish proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

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

6. "It is good to hold the clothes of one who is swimming."

— *Italian proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

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