

Medium Cryptograms — Set 173

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: W = A

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R O Q L C Z G W N C U T J

W N R L , R O Q L C

R O Q T L W A F

F C N C A N K C L R O W R

F W K J V U J Q M U G Q Y

W J J O C G M Q G F L W A F

W N R K Q A L .

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: Z = O

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Q J Q W J D B F Z A A Z Y

O Z Y I B N Z M S T T A B Y ,

D Z O S A Z Y P W Z A S Y V

A Q T T Q Z Y Z M M S F B W

J D B N B W D Z L T I G B

Y Z Y B S T Q R B .

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: K = E

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Y K S Z N M J K I ' Y

U P W K Z I R I U

Q Z R I N R Q E K Y, S I O

N P I Y R O K Z A M K

F R Y K, F M S A A M K B

Y M V I S I O F M S A

A M K B N E K S W K A 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

4. Clue: K = E

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W Z K M Z E C Q E P D

O F O O Q K A P W Z K

N F C L H B K A L H

O C A A S H J I E W N F N

W A W Z K N K B C K W A L

W Z K I K B Z H P E B N A L

W Z K N S 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: Y = E

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V I T F O W Y I O D

A F V O Y W Q L A Y T A Y

D I W R O F T A F O J L T

K Y N O J T . Z F X Y A F V I

V I O R , I T B A Y L F W W

D Y W W U J M D A Y

D N M D 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

6. Clue: U = E

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J R Q ' I L B F I D W I K

V R C F W X X C O W R Q O .

D K U Q I K U V B F U

E R Q U V R C N B V

O I W X X U P W O I M C I

V R C K B S U Y U B O U J

I R X W S 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

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. "Those graceful acts, Those thousand decencies that daily flow from all her words and actions."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book VIII. Line 600 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "It is the common wonder of all men, how among so many million of faces there should be none alike."

— Sir Thomas Browne, 1643, *Religio Medici*, Part II. Sect. II (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Search men's governing principles, and consider the wise, what they shun and what they cleave to."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, IV. 38 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The whirling bubble on the surface of a brook admits us to the secret of the mechanics of the sky."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *Essays: Second Series*

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

5. "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Critic as Artist*

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

6. "Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist but you have ceased to live."

— *Mark Twain, 1897, Following the Equator*

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