

Medium Cryptograms — Set 174

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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: R = H

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L E Q Q Y S R N L S R N U ,

C U V T M Y R Q F G D !

H V M R Y E V H H U Q S G D

Y R Q E U N T M L N A

T V M R Y ; L E Q Q Y

S R N L S R N U , C U V T M

Y R Q F G D !

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: I = E

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V R C D I Q I D W I

P K V I D K E T R D N I D

E K N B D I I N R J B D R J

I K Z D R E Z M J I K V P Q

V M I B P D Q V C S D C R Q I

R B H R W I D K J I K 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

3. Clue: J = E

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J X J K D F Q C L Y C L

L U F O K J N H L F U C L W

U S S F Q J G H M J K W H B

L U F O K J .

J X J K D F Q C L Y C W

R U A J H B H L J

Q C A A J L W F O B 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

4. Clue: D = T

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D I Z T Y N E E Z R H L N

M Z E F Q E Z D D F

T Y N E E Z R N L H D

L D N P V L ; U Z L I C Y R V

C P R F L Q C H R H D O F

D E F H P W D C Z J Q R N H P

H D .

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: C = E

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B J K R K C V O K P

U C O P Z W C I C P V

O C D P J C W J K W V C O K W

F Z H C , X O R B J K

U C O P Z W C V P K K F Z L J

H K V C V J K W V C X O R

F Z H C .

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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R U C K U Z S M B I

W U K H U M Y U E T Z E

E T U I H Z C C F E A U

R D H T F W W K U V V U S A I

Z S U A E L T M H T E T U I

F L U E F

E T U R V U B Y U 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

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. "Sweet Phosphor, bring the day! Light will repay the wrongs of night; Sweet Phosphor, bring the day!"

— Francis Quarles, 1635, *Emblems, Book I. Emblem 14* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "To preserve internal order and freedom from encroachment is the first purpose of government."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *State of the Union Address*

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

3. "Everything in Nature contains all the powers of Nature. Everything is made of one hidden stuff."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series, Compensation* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The quarrel is a very pretty quarrel as it stands; we should only spoil it by trying to explain it."

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1775, *The Rivals, Act IV. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Who does not venture gets neither horse nor mule, and who ventures too much loses horse and mule."

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

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

6. "Men readily perceive that they can not be much oppressed by a debt which they owe to themselves."

— *Abraham Lincoln, 1864, Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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