

Medium Cryptograms — Set 177

6 puzzles · Standard 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: Y = E

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Z M Z V W U Z H Y B P J Q

Z T M Y Q Y V M , W T K F Z T Y ,

W T K W U U F Y T ' V , E P L Y A Y Q

U P T R L Y E W A Y K L Y U M Z T

U Z Y V , M P U Z A Y Z T

M Q J M E .

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: W = E

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S L D U D R W Q R J O Q W U R

Y M D L H W D D W H R W Q X Q L D W D

N U H H W P W Q T U P W L R D

W A A W N R D F L C L R W S R J

R T W C W H U R R T W R J 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

3. Clue: A = E

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A I A C X U D Z Y G J A N Z V T

F D A Q M C Y G L N L Z V, F M

T M W A A R F A V F, L V G

Y M I A T F M T F L X M P F

G M M C T, A I A V Z V Q A F L V G

U M Y 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

4. Clue: C = E

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A Z Q H P T P A Z V S B Q R G A Z T

C F T Q H V P D C B A F T S

C D Q H T F Y J M R S R B C

C D Q H T ; E R S A B C T C Y S

C D Q H T S B Q R G A Z P D C B

Q S .

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: M = O

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D J D N N P O N N E M Q R M J

J U X P R O W O L E O P J X T

U O X L K D R P X N O M L T M R Z ,

B L M C M N K M L C M K O L R

I X L K , D R U X N N M L

I M J O 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

6. Clue: O = E

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H I O U O R D W U R F I H Y W E ;

V N H Y O W U O Q O U E

A R W V A O G U C P

I O O K A O D D B O D D W B K

D H N L R K R H E H C H W S O H I O

Y U C B F C B 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

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. "It is alike your interest, and mine, and all men's, however long we have dwelt in lies, to live in truth."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Essays: First Series*

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

2. "Disaster to great business enterprises can never have its effects limited to the men at the top."

— *Theodore Roosevelt, 1901, First Annual Message to Congress*

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

3. "Every child begins the world again, to some extent, and loves to stay out doors, even in wet and cold."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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

4. "Philosophy triumphs easily over past evils and future evils; but present evils triumph over it."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 22 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "I will tell you now what never yet was heard in tale or song, From old or modern bard, in hall or bower."

— *John Milton, 1637, Comus, Line 43 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "There is a right way; but we are very liable from heedlessness and stupidity to take the wrong one."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1862, Walking*

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