

Medium Cryptograms — Set 179

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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: L = E

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C D R P B P X X D S X C L

L H X L E X S P H X D L

Y L U P L I X D S X I Q E

L G L E R F T E F Q B L Q A A

H T K Y L E B S E L X D L

K Q B X L I I L W X T 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

2. Clue: H = E

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S D H W M D Y

H E K Y B E S H L O H E

M J S D Z O C L S E H Z Z H Z

Y N Z U H H K D N Y L S D H

O Y Z S U C L S U L Y K B L H

S D H O Z H R P H Z

D C S L H I .

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: V = E

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R Q K P H Z V

M V O Q L J V O M P R V Q G M

O Q G L R M H R Q

I Q L Y - O X V M B J X V K

B K V P I J B L P

J G K K V L I H O X P L Y V K

O B U B I B N P R B Q 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

4. Clue: U = T

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K U K D N P D U

G J R J D D S Z X U P A J S Z

U Q K D R P G D U S G U F X

K G N K G M , C P Z U Q O D

U Q P O L K F U A J N P Z J

Y J G U F J U P L S Z M D

S F F .

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: U = A

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X P C Z U M T K S N Q O N C

U Z C N J Q Q ; U M Y

U Q X P S J H P U

X P S J K U M Y N U Q Q ,

X P C Z C U Z C U Q I U G K

K S V C X S H S O M X S

X P C F Z C U R 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

6. Clue: X = T

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F G G Q S X X Y P L R C

S R S P L S C X Y G K

I P I C X K C J X G F G G Q

S X X Y J E ; Z G N P L

X Y P C W G L C P C X C X Y J

N J W G T J N M G Z X Y M

F P Z J .

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. "Why is it that we entertain the belief that for every purpose odd numbers are the most effectual?"

— *Pliny the Elder, 77, Natural History (Naturalis Historia), Book XXVIII. Sect. 23 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "They who encounter men with smartnesses of speech for the most part procure themselves hatred."

— *Confucius, 1861, The Analects (James Legge translation, 1861)*

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

3. "Today we reconsecrate our country to long-cherished ideals in a suddenly changed civilization."

— *Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1937, Second Inaugural Address*

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

4. "It is most necessary to bear this constantly in mind, for thus thou wilt be more gentle towards all."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

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

5. "The ranks of life are full; and although a thousand fall, there are always some to go into the breach."

— *Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

6. "Look at things again as thou didst use to look at them; for in this consists the recovery of thy life."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

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