

Medium Cryptograms — Set 186

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: J = O

Medium · 83 letters

W T S R A W T J C M T J

P Y S R N P R X J A W T B P

J M I X J J N P B P

R H E J P W R P X R F R P R

E J W T S C M T J W R H N P

R X J A W T S C J M I

G T B H F C S 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

2. Clue: H = A

Medium · 83 letters

S V H O Z X E V K Z E B M

Q V F O S S E G F T G H T

K H O A Z P V F Q S , H O M

P L I H S Z S L I I W I Z

E X T H B B I V W

P V F S F P Z D W H

S L E A Z H O M H V S Z .

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: Q = E

Medium · 83 letters

T K S W B I N W Y

N W B Q P L K Y Q H T I V Q

Q W Q T N Q Y K A

W I B N K W Y E R K R I H

Q F Y Q, F N V Q

V N W H P Q H H P K L Y,

C Q Q W T N W U F Q H N W B K

K W Q .

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: M = O

Medium · 83 letters

H V M I P U Y T U N G M S

X I M H N V Y G : I U H V M I

Z G C O D U W X

M C B G U P A U G , M B I U

H V M I I K U B U I U W Z V

S N V Y N V S M B Q Z X N M V

C R M V N X .

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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5. Clue: L = A

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J P G L K B L U U P J N R K

Z L J E P Z Q, U L K C R

L Z B Q V L U U, P W K

L J J E J W B R V W Q J O R

P Z R P A F P K B E L U

L Z B Q E Z F R K R

A K E R Z B Q N E 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

6. Clue: H = E

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N W H F H A A W U Y F Z

B E B Q H , D B X J W A U

F Y H I B Z Y W M A M I B

A H E C M R L N H F . Y H

E B Z E M A F F M Z G H B Q

G N B W A B A C F M F Y H

G R X G M Z H .

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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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. "The author who speaks about his own books is almost as bad as a mother who talks about her own children."

— Benjamin Disraeli, 1870, *Speech*, Nov. 19, 1870 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Transforms old print to zigzag manuscript, and cheats the eyes of gallery critics by a thousand arts."

— William Cowper, 1785, *The Task*, Book II. *The Timepiece*. Line 363 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Mountains interposed make enemies of nations who had else, Like kindred drops, been mingled into one."

— William Cowper, 1785, *The Task*, Book II. *The Timepiece*. Line 17 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Knowledge is of two kinds: we know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell*, *Life of Johnson*, *Life of Johnson* (Boswell). Vol. V. Chap. IX (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Toward all other nations, large and small, our attitude must be one of cordial and sincere friendship."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1905, *Inaugural Address*

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

6. "Lie ten nights awake, carving the fashion of a new doublet. He was wont to speak plain and to the purpose."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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