

Medium Cryptograms — Set 187

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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: I = E

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M L A X U X H H L N H M I

E I O J X F I N H N

G X E H L N P Z W E X I T I

N H N K Q P I E N D ? X H

X U G I F N Q U I M I N E I

P J H H L I Y I E U J P

X P T J D T I 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

2. Clue: J = S

Medium · 83 letters

Z P S Z C S A T P J S O P J

A K S Z Y J

J S T P X D S Z P X J L Y T

X P T G P J C X M

J Z C T B P X J L Y T

J V K O O . L Y T

C X S C D L X K J S K J L Y T

Z P O B P T .

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: L = T

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C M L T J A F N M I F G L A

L A F L E G B A L K F S M J

K G B A L ; F H U G H L A F L

I F G L A C M L T J U F E M

L Z U Z Z T E U T L V F J

X M T H U M E J L F H U G 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: Y = E

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X Y U F C C T R J Y S T P Y

T N J J Y M H Y U R W P Y

M Y U R W T C M L J T S

Y F U D T R D Y J C T J

I N W A V F C

W S H F M M F I A Y X F A A

I Y R X Y Y C R D Y S .

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: G = E

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E A G I Q H H Q R

C G N P V O G C V K H B

M J K U R G K K ;

I A V O U E B , H G O I B ,

P Q O M G V O V R I G , V R Z

M G R G W Q N G R I G ,

C G O G , V N N , H B

M J K U R G K K .

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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6. Clue: Z = E

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Y V L Z F Q Y L X Z

B U J I J L B Y V A I Z D L

Z N Z F L B B L I J Q Z Y F

T Z V Y I Z L X Z

Z N Z F L B , D F Q J F

L Y - Q D O D C I Z D Q O

K D C E B L Y - P Y I I Y K .

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 rejoice at a birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the person involved."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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

2. "He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper."

— Edmund Burke, 1790, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, Vol. III. p. 453 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1859, *Address, New York City, Feb. 21, 1859* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "We can not remove our respective sections from each other nor build an impassable wall between them."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1861, *First Inaugural Address*

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

5. "The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business."

— Charles Dickens, 1843, *A Christmas Carol*

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

6. "Often do the spirits of great events stride on before the events, And in to-day already walks to-morrow."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1800, *The Death of Wallenstein (translation)*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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