

Medium Cryptograms — Set 196

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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: F = O

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D X D B P F F V

V D B A H Q X D F G , G F X

X F Y E S Q X F F Y C A Z

F M E G O Y E G E X X Z Q

M D H B X ; K Q A E C B Q

F G Q A E G G F X Z F R V

F C X X Z E X

W H F W F H X D F 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

2. Clue: N = T

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U M N P E K P U N Q R K P L

K J L N U E Y ; R E , W D X P

K R B P V N R U

L N U E G D B I K U B U N

L P U , A Z P B N Z P E P

U E P B R G D Q N J U W L

N R F P F R J I Z N A D N Z

D N .

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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3. Clue: C = E

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I E C A T C N C W

A U K D M I M J I T U U S F

I U I E C C R R C A I U R

A U K D L J C O C J C W X P,

M J O O U C F J U I

W C V Y L W C I U U K Y A E

R W U K L J O L N L O Y M T 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

4. Clue: B = E

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Q B D F I P B M S O M M N

Y U B B Z , U M R B G B Z ,

Z B H B H P B Z A K O D U T D

D U B H A I S M Z D F K B I

U T Z N B I D D M P B T Z

T Z B D U M I B R U A Y U

K B G B Z Y M H 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

5. Clue: U = N

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X J I R G Y R J D Q H R F U

B U R X T F U P J U W

H R D X F U F X, F U

G J D D F U P L H B S B U R

D B N F J Y J N X X B

J U B X T R H D B N F J Y

J N X, X T F U I F U P B L

P B W .

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: G = E

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A I G Z E B R G J L G B Z G

O R A I F A I G I F R

B E A I O B S V G P A P E Y

V O P G W L A I O R

H Y G U L X O Z G R, I O R

H Y O B Z O H V G R, F B X

I O R Z E D D E B R G B R 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

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 good discretion, not to make too much of any man at the first; because one cannot hold out that proportion."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

2. "After meat comes mustard; or, like money to a starving man at sea, when there are no victuals to be bought with it."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1605, *Don Quixote, Part I, Book III. Chap. VIII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "The clever combatant looks to the effect of combined energy, and does not require too much from individuals."

— Sun Tzu, 1910, *The Art of War* (Lionel Giles translation, 1910)

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

4. "Let us be of good cheer, however, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come."

— James Russell Lowell, 1887, *Democracy and Other Addresses, Democracy and Addresses* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "Take pleasure in one thing and rest in it, in passing from one social act to another social act, thinking of God."

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

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

6. "The consequence is that he has nothing left for life but his prejudices, his principles, and his common sense."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1891, The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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