

Medium Cryptograms — Set 217

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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 = E

Medium · 103 letters

G A F S Q U E Z K Q Y

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

A N X F E Q Z K G L

I K Y N V N S L

K V V E G K N Q E M K G J

E V F Q N D A F V F

P F G G F V Z K L X M E J F Z

G A E Q K Q R S F L G K N Q L

N U T N Q Z S T 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: M = I

Medium · 103 letters

L B L Z X E O M H W A O M P O

M Q M H T H X A T X

S L T V E M D V K M Q

S L T V E M D V K M H

M E Q L K D, T H C

E L Z G M H T E L Q M H

M E Q L K D, H I E

O T B M H W Y Z T M Q L T Q

Y T Z E I D M E Q L K D.

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: W = E

Medium · 103 letters

J W Q U J O C N J W

S G D N , C K Q F C I I A N

T X N O W T W D N K C S W D

J W F C K , C K Q J U G I Q

P C A K O C Y W N O W

V B C A D W U P O C Y A K L

A K N W K Q W Q N O W

B W D G I N J O A F O

W K D G W D .

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: F = N

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F Y A Y E N H O K L C Z S F

S F C O Z O R S C N F Y E

S F X U Y Z G B N F C Y A

E N S H Y F S V P N

P N F K C L Z Y F C S O F

N Q R E N H H

R E Y M O H O Y F H A Y E

S P P R Y H H O V P N

J G N H C O Y F H .

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: W = T

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W Z A R E D W A O

B W U W A B, T D W Z

Q G A U W P D L A G U P D W S,

K N N A G B D W B

M D W D Y A E B Z D I W K

U P P T Z K D E Q K K O

N U D W Z M K C I P S T D W Z

W Z A G A H R D G A C A E W B

K N P U 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

6. Clue: D = E

Medium · 104 letters

V G D F F D S U F E P D

P D W G E P O K W E J B D ;

U E U F E P D

T C P D B D K E , F R D D E G O

T C - C H D B W E U L D , K C E

U K T C P D B D K E ,

F D G A - S U F E B W T E U K I ,

F D G A - S D F E B J T E U L D

C K D !

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. "The unfading boyishness of hope and its vigorous irrationality are nowhere better displayed than in questions of conduct."

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

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

2. "Everything which is in any way beautiful is beautiful in itself, and terminates in itself, not having praise as part of itself."

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

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

3. "We do what we must, and call it by the best names we can, and would fain have the praise of having intended the result which ensues."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *Essays: Second Series*

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

4. "No foresight can anticipate nor any document of reasonable length contain express provisions for all possible questions."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1861, *First Inaugural Address*

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

5. "The United States, with great liberality, offers its citizenship to all who in good faith comply with the requirements of law."

— Ulysses S. Grant, 1875, *Seventh Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "Blessed is the healthy nature; it is the coherent, sweetly co-operative, not incoherent, self-distracting, self-destructive one!"

— Thomas Carlyle, 1838, *Sir Walter Scott. London and Westminster Review*, 1838 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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