

Medium Cryptograms — Set 23

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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: S = E

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C F Y G N F C V C Y

B H M S T E , Q S M F X T T

W S O S D R Y B S Y E E

M R Y C - E D S S .

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: K = H

Medium · 43 letters

W K D A K T N U K L L U

J K L H J W K D Z Y E , Y J

Z L Q E T E O J K L H J W K D

U Y 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

3. Clue: C = S

Medium · 43 letters

V R L V M U T C U R C

R G R H P B T K ' C N H M U V ,

M E U R K N J H K C V F C

B M J U V .

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: W = E

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P W S G W Y W S U X W A

S C W P Q F W , Q D O E

C Q X W D U N W Q A U N

S C W T A U U 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: I = E

Medium · 43 letters

P Y D P W A N U P

V R P U M ' O O F N J S Y I W O

O I I O A P W M F I W N A

M F I M D N .

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 = N

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O G O A C F Z D M G S O G S

O A C G G M G R D M G S

O Y Z W Z Y P

S M B B M D M N O Y .

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. "Thought I to myself, we shall never come off scot-free."

— *Francois Rabelais, 1564, Works, Book V, Chapter XV (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "The childhood shows the man, As morning shows the day."

— *John Milton, 1671, Paradise Regained, Book IV. Line 220 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "He who tastes every man's broth, often burns his mouth."

— *Danish proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

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

4. "Let me get over the lake, and I have no fear of the brook."

— *Dutch proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

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

5. "A dwarf on a giant's shoulders sees farther of the two."

— *George Herbert, 1640, Jacula Prudentum (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "An acute mind and a cunning mind are very dissimilar."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)*

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