

Medium Cryptograms — Set 238

6 puzzles · Standard 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: A = S

Medium · 128 letters

N G W X V Z M S B N P S Y Z K

 F Z N G C F U J M N G C U G

 S C K W , P F B G C U G - S C H W B

 T Z Q O P F X , V C N G Z N G W D

 K P A G C Z F P J S W N Z O C T A ,

 A M T G P A O C T N M D W A ,

 N P A N W , A G P Y W A O W P D W ,

 P F B N G W Q M A C T P S

 U S P A A W A .

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: X = T

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A I A E W S Y L W G Z Q X G A M E

X Z Q X A M J J Y M Q A Q Z Q

D A K K Z Q M J Y X G A E

C Z X X A E Q ; Z J L Q Y N J L Q

Z E A V N M X A M J J Y B M Y N Q ,

Y E C Y Q X L M Q X E A Q Q M J T ,

S W X G A M E Q Y E X E Z X G A E

X G Z J X G A M E V N Z J X M X 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

3. Clue: K = S

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S Z S H T W G A C D A K

K R R W G S Q V T R A P , X C Q

W G A K A K W G S H S X K R C

N G T Q A Z S H K K S C Q R Y W

K J X P P U Y X C W A W A S K R B

A W B H R J W G S A H J R Y W G K ,

V S L X Y K S A W K J R R W G K

S Z S H T F X H W N G A L G A K

H R Y D 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

4. Clue: S = E

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H V H G O M G F O M P E S

Q F Y Z S, U I S Y S H O J H O N V,

Y S T W P E H Z V, F O C

S B T S Y M Y V I F X S Q M Y V M

B F O L F N S V T E F L S C

G I S H Y T F Y G V, F O C G M

U I H Z I G I S U I M E S X F V G

W O H X S Y V S V S Y X S V Q M Y F

G I S F G Y 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

5. Clue: C = A

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W L E J B L I Y J R Y V T S C X Q

C R W Z I C T J P V Y O P I W Y

Q S C Q C Z L W L C I Y X E C U

Q I V C R Q C Q S J Y Q C E L Y ,

C R W U P V R Z L I S L C I J R Z Y

C I L M V J Q L I C B J Y S L W ;

Y P Y O L L Q C R W B P E V G E L

J Y S J Y W J Y T P V I Y 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

6. Clue: F = T

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P U F T R F A J F J B U F N Y T V I
O Y I F J B H F N U U , A R B
F N R J C Y P F M R L U F R
F N U L , Y A Y F I N W P P H U
T U M U I I W B Z , N W D Y T V
C Y F N F N U U F N U I W L U
B U W I R T C N Y M N T R C F N R J
J I U I F A R B K B U I U T F
F N Y T V 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

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

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Answer key

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1. "They would talk of nothing but high life, and high-lived company, with other fashionable topics, such as pictures, taste, Shakespeare, and the musical glasses."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1765, *The Hermit (Edwin and Angelina)*, Chap. IX (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Everybody has their taste in noises as well as in other matters; and sounds are quite innoxious, or most distressing, by their sort rather than their quantity."

— Jane Austen, 1817, *Persuasion*

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

3. "Everything is soothed by oil, and this is the reason why divers send out small quantities of it from their mouths, because it smooths every part which is rough."

— Pliny the Elder, 77, *Natural History (Naturalis Historia)*, Book II. Sect. 234 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Is it not a noble farce, wherein kings, republics, and emperors have for so many ages played their parts, and to which the whole vast universe serves for a theatre?"

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays*, Book II, Chap. XXXVI. *Of the most Excellent Men* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Delivers in such apt and gracious words that aged ears play truant at his tales, And younger hearings are quite ravished; So sweet and voluble is his discourse."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *Love's Labour's Lost*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Let not future things disturb thee, for thou wilt come to them, if it shall be necessary, having with thee the same reason which now thou usest for present things."

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

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