

Medium Cryptograms — Set 27

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 = E

Medium · 44 letters

Q V J A A Z X V A B

V J Q B D S F Q B V A L R D

B A P A J F Z Q L A L U R V I

X J G R 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

2. Clue: F = O

Medium · 44 letters

F Y A J F N I X Y A S A L B H T

M F F P U Q P H B L U J A O F L

H Y T E A Y E H M U F 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

3. Clue: V = I

Medium · 44 letters

V Y V X M R U U S P V I W Y Q M Y

N Z Y X V F U G H V Y Q U Z Y

B M C V G R M G U V 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

4. Clue: R = A

Medium · 44 letters

R B M R K K U S Z V A O T O R V E

Z B L T A A T K A O R V R

G K R V T U V A O T S Z V P .

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: G = R

Medium · 44 letters

J H O Q M V U W K K Q S U G U
 W U K M G P , O Q M E U T P
 S P G P R O K Q G P H Q G S J 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

6. Clue: A = N

Medium · 44 letters

R S Y L Q P C J S L F N E P O N Q
 G F G A ' K Q N V J E A L Y K Y A
 S Y K N D A S G A O 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. "A tree often transplanted is never loaded with fruit."

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

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

2. "One could never pay too high a price for any sensation."

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

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

3. "It is a good file that cuts iron without making a noise."

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

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

4. "A sparrow in the hand is better than a crane on the wing."

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

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

5. "If you want to mar a nature, you have merely to reform it."

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

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

6. "Chiefly the mould of a man's fortune is in his own hands."

— *Francis Bacon, 1625, Essays, Of Fortune (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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