

Medium Cryptograms — Set 33

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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: W = T

Medium · 45 letters

O Q X L H O W Y D W D

Y V Z Z V B L H W

Y V F Y Q B W D W V W B

L D S S H O Q B W M D S 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

2. Clue: A = T

Medium · 45 letters

Y X J Y E E R K H B A N V

N Y B P H X Q V A A V E

A N Y B Y J H C V R B R B

A N V E R R 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

3. Clue: S = E

Medium · 45 letters

J V H B Q N Q S F S E

K S J A L L H V S A A

W K J W W K S L R J E

R J Q Q H W P S L S S Q .

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: C = O

Medium · 45 letters

L C W T M L K X U

E C T X U J A D K C H H M

Y C D X , Y W U D C U J A D K

C H H M E U C D X .

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 = N

Medium · 45 letters

Q G K G K Z K U O K Y H

X Q U K Y I C G Q G K ' H

X Q G K P ' H V Q U Y I Q B

C G P Y I N G O .

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: Y = E

Medium · 45 letters

E R Y V F G R W Y Z N Z

I W Y Z G Z D E W F V Y,

E R Y X N C F D S U R Y D

E R Y X W F S 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. "We know that a hill is not highest at its narrowest part."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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

2. "A sparrow in the hand is better than a pigeon on the roof."

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

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

3. "A wound never heals so well that the scar cannot be seen."

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

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

4. "You may get something off a bone, but nothing off a stone."

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

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

5. "One never gets more than one's money's worth of anything."

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

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

6. "The fish lead a pleasant life, they drink when they like."

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

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