

Medium Cryptograms — Set 38

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: X = O

Medium · 46 letters

K W K G V Z S B H X X Q C S O

M U C J X X T - D U H K J U O M S

Q U B T X E S E E K N O U X B .

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: Y = T

Medium · 46 letters

Y J U H O L Y N U V T Z N G Z O T

Z H O L Y N U , Y J I Q M J V Y K U

Z H I E M E U Y Y N 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

3. Clue: B = E

Medium · 46 letters

V B N Y B N U I N

O B E E - X W R E G F T W L B

Y N U U T G X B X T W A F G G T T

I B N M E C .

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: A = E

Medium · 46 letters

B Y A J A G W K J A V U F H W O

O W A L U G Z C ; O W A L U G Z C

L K V Y U O O U V A A X S 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

5. Clue: U = E

Medium · 46 letters

J D U H B J J H U R F F H U N O

J D P J L B V U Z U C D P A U

Z P G U V P M N U P J V D F 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: I = E

Medium · 46 letters

U P J I E Y J J I K A J I I S L Z I

A N O O V K L V U U P J I

E Y J J I K A P J V L Z I K 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

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 wordsOF 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. "Every man looks at his wood-pile with a kind of affection."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "The myrtle is always a myrtle, though it be among nettles."

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

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

3. "Peace and a well-built house cannot be bought too dearly."

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

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

4. "I never have sought the world; the world was not to seek me."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, Boswell, *Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell)*. Vol. VIII. Chap. V. 1783 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The little foolery that wise men have makes a great show."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Fine manners need the support of fine manners in others."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1860, *The Conduct of Life, Behaviour* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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