

Medium Cryptograms — Set 39

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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: A = T

Medium · 46 letters

O A O L K L O E E Q S O L V

A V K A O L T K D J V A

A Z O T M Z O A V A V M

L K N M W K O 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: O = T

Medium · 46 letters

G F Z A O G E R E H V

T N H F O T E M W L E A Z ,

O F Z O F N M R M I A V

W G W S G N O F N 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

3. Clue: M = S

Medium · 46 letters

R W X L A W B W M M E T

H F J A V A W M M E S H F J

G J M K , R J K Y W W Q L

K E V H M F J 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

4. Clue: V = N

Medium · 46 letters

Y V H Y V B , V N X C Y V U

Y Q Q S Y F V N R X C S X

C S Q V N X M B B V Q S Y F

M B H N K 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

5. Clue: R = O

Medium · 46 letters

O G T O R X M B Q P B X Y

R Q Y R X U K V R R L J S O ,

B D T B A M Y R G M V R R

D X V V 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

6. Clue: M = O

Medium · 46 letters

Q M I ' Y Y S J M L U L U Z

Z M N J M B Q K S M V K

Y A B B Z M N S U F V P M Y

I V L M I V 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 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "It is a silly fish that is caught twice with the same bait."

— *English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated (London, 1859)*

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

2. "When two dogs fight for a bone, the third runs away with it."

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

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

3. "Be careless in your dress if you must, but keep a tidy soul."

— *Mark Twain, 1897, Following the Equator*

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

4. "In fine, nothing is said now that has not been said before."

— *Terence, 161 BC, Eunuchus, The Prologue. 41 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "He who is afraid of doing too much, always does too little."

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

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

6. "Don't throw away your old shoes till you have got new ones."

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

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