

Medium Cryptograms — Set 52

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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: C = T

Medium · 49 letters

M Z C C Z W B F C I Z

M W K S H I C I K C

M Z S Y F, C I K S C I Z

M W K S H I C I K C

M W Z K J F .

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: P = O

Medium · 49 letters

I P N X P U X S B N X P Y B

J Y J X E P Y S J I I B H N

F P B N X P Q J H L E X N

X P I C P Y Z 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

3. Clue: C = E

Medium · 49 letters

D E C O S E C F C H M

Q H S S Q C L F C T B T S

S T L Q C Z G S Z Q C O S V

R O V R G F Z Q T S 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: B = W

Medium · 49 letters

G Z Z B S A P A H B A I Z T

B W J O I R K R S G L X W K ,

S G U U W J X R R B G R

V A L J G K B W J .

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: O = T

Medium · 49 letters

Q G C D N Q O W G O E L O W ,

D N O N D F P Y P O W G

E G T J N D , Y L O T F J N

Y P O W G W G T E 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: U = E

Medium · 49 letters

L U U Z B R U I E C G U A

P U S A K U B F U U A

W S N Y A I B E E P Q T R

S A G B E E C Y B B C U .

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. "Better is the branch that bends, than the branch that breaks."

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

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

2. "Most of the stone a nation hammers goes toward its tomb only."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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

3. "When there is little bread at table put plenty on your plate."

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

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

4. "All who joy would win must share it, happiness was born a twin."

— *Lord Byron, 1819, Don Juan, Canto II. Stanza 172 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "We know the truth, not only by the reason, but also by the heart."

— *Blaise Pascal, 1670, Pensees (Thoughts), Chap. X. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Keep the golden mean between saying too much and too little."

— *Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, Sententiae (Maxims), 1072 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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