

Medium Cryptograms — Set 53

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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: B = E

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B C B A P W N E Z M N W Q Y

X J Y E X R A Q Y E H ;

B C B A P N B X C B H Q Y

X J Y E X R A Q Y E H .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 49 letters

Z O Z B M W B B Z D N U O W

V R W Z J S V N B U T W W J

V A J P U O A W O O U N N

O T U O L F O 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: W = N

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J M N F V W Q N N V N F J Q

T Q U V W W V W U D E

H O M F J , M W G V F N Q W G

O Q K Q W F M W Z 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: E = H

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E U H E K E Q Y J U U J E

E Q Y B K D X U Q S , Q B S

E U H E K E Q Y D X U Q S

E Q Y B K J U U J E .

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: D = E

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Q D U Q C V C D O P C F

L D I Y H L Q H O M Z F F D L

Q Y O Y U Q C G D Q C Z O D

F C L D I Y H 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: O = E

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Z A Z J Y A Z T O X J N N

M O I J I W V Y Z J W O ,

I K G D M K I K O G X H O Y

Q O O V W J N O H I .

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. "Every thought is also a prison; every heaven is also a prison."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, Essays: Second Series*

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

2. "It is possible to avoid falsehood and yet not tell the truth."

— *Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

3. "Hastiness is the beginning of wrath, and its end repentance."

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

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

4. "He who has teeth has no bread, and he who has bread has no teeth."

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

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

5. "He who does not repair his gutter has a whole house to repair."

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

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

6. "A fair face will get its praise, though the owner keep silent."

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

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