

Medium Cryptograms — Set 71

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 = E

Medium · 52 letters

V H X G S V Z H V M

X E K X Z U X H I X U O L V Z G S B

L S V F X L U F P X Z H X O O V M

L B Z H U H R .

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: U = H

Medium · 52 letters

U F Z U W Y D P K Z U X J U F

T X O O W J I X P H W B , K F N N K

Z U X J U F Z W D N R B X J U F B

O 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

3. Clue: A = E

Medium · 52 letters

P X D H A F X D O A V E

S B A A O D J P D D P X A B H

O A H A B Q A L P V D P S D B

P X A J H A Y Q A H .

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 · 53 letters

C V Z O A D A F V M A G C F

I Y O M U Z C V S A Z S C R A S K J

H M Y V S A J V Y Z F V S C F

G A F U A 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

5. Clue: U = E

Medium · 53 letters

S K U L W K U P U I P U W S Q
 D P V U L X F W Q Q L U J C P F U ,
 Q L U F V L M F , W K U Q W K U P
 S U U 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

6. Clue: E = A

Medium · 53 letters

K B N H E K D K B E K P G C Q N
 E S E T W C H N E G N E D U X X P
 E D K B X D N K B E K H E K H B
 K B N 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

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

Answer key

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1. "One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning."

— James Russell Lowell, 1870, *Among My Books, First Series. Shakespeare Once More* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "He who buys what he cannot pay for, sells what he would rather not."

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

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

3. "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1859, *Letter to Henry Pierce*

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

4. "A true gentleman would rather have his clothes torn than mended."

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

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

5. "When there are two friends to one purse, one sings, the other weeps."

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

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

6. "The cats that drive away mice are as good as those that catch them."

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

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