

Medium Cryptograms — Set 72

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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: W = E

Medium · 53 letters

M B W D G C O ' K M B W

M B X H F J B W N W X H

X ' G G Z C M Z B M B W

Z P H K Z X W H Z W P Q M B W

R X H 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: R = E

Medium · 53 letters

X R G R G C R X G P Q A ' Y

R I N , H R N D R N P I

O T F O O P G C R X H T P E T

T R Y O X A S R O A X R I N .

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: N = T

Medium · 53 letters

E B C E R W R X Q J

C L N B Q E L J N V M K

V A N R L Z R N N M B

J W V M M J P R Q B N E L A

U R B J V 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

4. Clue: B = A

Medium · 53 letters

C T B D O B L L S T

B U U X Y B Q M T A J B

Y A X Q F T F B Q F

E T Y O B Q T Q L

Q B L D A Q B G G D J 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

5. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 53 letters

T J R R G M O P R A O Y

C R A H C R N C N F Q C

A F Q Y Q T O Y K T P U

T C G A F Q N Q T A F Q V

Z T O V .

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 · 53 letters

Z O Z V R Q W V Y W V C D H

T D H Y W V C W F Z U T Z L F

Z U D V I, U I R Q W O X I

T Q I H I Q I T W U 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 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. "The play's the thing Wherein I'll catch the conscience of the king."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act II. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Remember Milo's end, Wedged in that timber which he strove to rend."

— Wentworth Dillon, Earl of Roscommon, 1684, *An Essay on Translated Verse*, Line 87 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "He who pours water hastily into a bottle spills more than goes in."

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

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

4. "We aim at the assurance of a rounded and permanent national life."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933, *First Inaugural Address*

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

5. "A good pilot is not known when the sea is calm and the weather fair."

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

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

6. "A man thinking or working is always alone, let him be where he will."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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