

Medium Cryptograms — Set 73

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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: Y = O

Medium · 53 letters

S W D G R B S S D N H H P N

U N X N D H Y O O E M Z

J H Y Y G B I M Z B O X Y E

E Y Y S N K P E Y S Z N 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: X = A

Medium · 53 letters

X V V E N X E X K X G N X Y

C M V V N H B M P H Q L D

D M B N E D H V X E M L G Y

C M E N N M Y K X E H Y .

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: Z = T

Medium · 53 letters

G H F U V Z V U R X

S G Z Z X G U F X N B R C ,

D L Z Z O B J H L N B

Z O H Z S G Z G N G U

V Z O B K F B 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

4. Clue: Z = S

Medium · 53 letters

J N D J P D N C U N N I Z

J O Z U R F F O Z Z O R W

F Q Z D P W Z B N V E R V

O D P D J O Z R B W

U R Z D .

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: V = E

Medium · 53 letters

S Q V T E W V A O M Q W L N T

J E V P S G V A W M B W I V

S Q V M Q P O N R N T P

H F M Q, M N N A J N A 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: V = T

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U V U L F X V G B G D M

V D J V E V E P V

D G K X W W G F R L

U V L G O Z V X V E G

K X W W X F L G F L 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

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. "Luck will carry a man across the brook if he is not too lazy to leap."

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

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

2. "All that a man has will he give for right relations with his mates."

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

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

3. "I am not only witty in myself, but the cause that wit is in other men."

— *William Shakespeare, 1598, King Henry IV, Part II, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "He that exceeds his commission must answer for it at his own cost."

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

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

5. "The friendship of great men is like the shadow of a bush, soon gone."

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

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

6. "It is not every truth that recommends itself to the common sense."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1862, Walking*

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