

Medium Cryptograms — Set 85

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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 = A

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U W M H F W L Y G B Q G A U M

 Q G G U W G A M Y L W E V Q

 L Y B C , E J E V A J C

 S M J L B Q Q B V A J C

 K B 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

2. Clue: D = E

Medium · 55 letters

E D R R D H R J W V M D V

T H L D Q K J Q R W D

H J V K R W V Q I J S K J H

O L S M D H L Q B J N H

Z N H O 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

3. Clue: H = T

Medium · 55 letters

G M M W V P Y G A M H P

G F C P A N W H W G H L D C

M L I C P W V J P H V M M

H W C X C H H C F Y L F

H W C 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

4. Clue: J = E

Medium · 55 letters

A Z J O B S R U N U T E D

E D V W J D A S E D ' O

A Z U C Y Z A R J V U S J O E

S U P J M D S E D ' O

O Q J J V Z .

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: B = O

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J Z S S V B Q I L Z D I Z J

J B V B Q I R I Y Z U M

G U M P Z A Y S S L Z J

P Y L R B B J B U V B Q I

U Z D 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: J = E

Medium · 55 letters

N K J U N J C K W X Y Q

C E O Y Y D J A G W N O U A

V K O Y Q G J U , N J F G J

F Y G J F Q B Y O E E Y J

H J 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. "Though pleased to see the dolphins play, I mind my compass and my way."

— Matthew Green, 1737, *The Spleen* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Better to have a friend on the road than gold or silver in your purse."

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

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

3. "All his faults are such that one loves him still the better for them."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1768, *The Good-Natur'd Man, The Good-Natured Man. Act I* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The symbol of an ancient man's thought becomes a modern man's speech."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

5. "Tell your secret to your friend and he will set his foot on your neck."

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

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

6. "When we should still be growing children, we are already little men."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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