

Medium Cryptograms — Set 86

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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

Medium · 55 letters

I S F J B Y B X O B A E B

F T Y B , A S K E B F T

S X E ; X Z S B

J B Y B X O B A E B

M I X Y B , A S K E B F T

E B .

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: B = E

Medium · 55 letters

Y B W B M A R V L U X Y O

K R Y K B M Y X Y O L U B

M B K L X L S A B R Q

F U X K U J R S V M B X Y

A R S I 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

3. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 55 letters

Y V D W Q Z K N S Z D I

Q N F J D Z J Z S Z L I D Z

W V V Y Z O, Y V D W Q Z

L Z M M Z D V F Z E L

Z F V N R 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: G = R

Medium · 55 letters

Y ' K K S A L G I N A P L Y G

N J F Y W P L M J B X U ,

E A Y K P Q J B D P G Z J G I

Q J B G L X N Y S G J B X 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: R = E

Medium · 55 letters

U R V U M C J X H C X F U R

B R G G X V M L F U N R R B H

U A H M V G U M J H R O G Y

M F U R L Z R G ' H F M M .

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: N = O

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Z T L N Y M Z Q D N G L

Y Z E E U N , W G N I U G G P

Y V M M I Q P Z W Y N I E A

Q V Z L O V W M V L A

A N U M .

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**Common word endings** -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST**After an apostrophe** T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Who deceives me once, shame on him; if he deceives me twice, shame on me."

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

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

2. "Never do a thing concerning the rectitude of which you are in doubt."

— *Pliny the Younger, 105, Letters, Book I. Letter XVIII. 5 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "For the buyer a hundred eyes are too few, for the seller one is enough."

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

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

4. "I'll charm the air to give a sound, While you perform your antic round."

— *William Shakespeare, 1606, Macbeth, Act IV. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "He who buys by the pennyworth keeps his own house and other men's too."

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

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

6. "I know Sir John will go, though he was sure it would rain cats and dogs."

— *Jonathan Swift, 1738, Polite Conversation, Dialogue II (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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