

Medium Cryptograms — Set 89

6 puzzles · Large 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: K = E

Medium · 56 letters

W K N W C G K F F R W B R

C N S P U U P B E R N B F F

W P E H F D X K K A

R K M E K G G W C R K C U

C G W K E 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: G = E

Medium · 56 letters

N J B Z Z G S G T U G

G Q B L K L I G K D G G T N

D E S W B T F A B T J N T J

N I V L B T G L L - P B W G

A B T 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: S = E

Medium · 56 letters

J E S W S O J W U U F O

Y C S K U J C S Y I S N S K

W V J E U O S P E U Y C S

B Y R R S I M U U I

C S Y I S C O .

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: C = O

Medium · 56 letters

Q C A P R D U M X U W R

J I C M S X M P Q C A L

M C I H A U Q C A K R I I C M

A I W C S X M P Q C A L

M U U M P .

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: I = O

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N S F I C H Q R F I C

L P I V Q P H W H Q R G W ;

N S F I C L N R L R N Y Y ,

N S F I C L Y G G X , F I C

L P I V N 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

6. Clue: S = E

Medium · 56 letters

I T K A D Q S K T J R I J

F D X S W R A K S W Q ;

U D K R A U W F F A C S

F S W P S R W J M A C S J

A C S A K S S .

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. "He who tells his own affairs will hardly keep secret those of others."

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

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

2. "A difference exists between a working mind and a business-like mind."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)*

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

3. "The best books are not read even by those who are called good readers."

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1854, Walden*

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

4. "You have tied a knot with your tongue you cannot undo with your teeth."

— *English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated (London, 1859)*

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

5. "If you act you show character; if you sit still, if you sleep, you show it."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Essays: First Series*

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

6. "Our time runs on like a stream; first fall the leaves and then the tree."

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

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