

Nature Cryptograms — Set 3

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: V = A

Hard · 40 letters

D Q X N V B U Y V P N X

V X N O G G U T N X Z V B P T

M K P M V U I V T P N X 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

2. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 40 letters

M V Y Q Z K L Q

F Z Q Q V I N N Y K Z Q Q

I L N R N J Q D K N R A Q

I A K L P 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

3. Clue: B = A

Hard · 40 letters

I Q L I X L B T Z V Z X

Z H B N Q O G B H Z B P Q V

M B H Q X G I J V S Q B 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

4. Clue: I = T

Hard · 41 letters

W D I P S X K Z I A D T T

L X S J L Z T Y S X W U Z I L

A F B X I L Z W R I F Y 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

5. Clue: S = T

Hard · 41 letters

Q W S B F G Z G F L B T S N E

Z N I V T, I G S T Z W E G

T W K A Z W S R S A R I I.

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: X = T

Hard · 41 letters

X B A Z I R U J W W

K Y J R D X N W J D B X

U B L X W L F I R P A Y

X B A Z R N 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 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. "Fire and water are good servants but bad masters."

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

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

2. "Under the greenwood tree who loves to lie with me."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act II. Sc. 5 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "He who wants to travel far takes care of his beast."

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

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

4. "Nature fits all her children with something to do."

— James Russell Lowell, 1848, *A Fable for Critics* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Nature her custom holds, Let shame say what it will."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act IV. Sc. 7 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The sun will bring to light what lay under the snow."

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

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