

Nature Cryptograms — Set 8

6 puzzles · Standard 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: Y = E

Medium · 44 letters

X R Q Y Y D O R Y K

R Q X K P B C X K R Y G Z P

K Y W Y Q C D X G Y G M Z R J

O Q F Z 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: C = E

Expert · 44 letters

B O K B Z K T L W V C K K R C ,

H G V S C J , U C Q R O X Y K T L W

Z R B U C J , W G Z C K N .

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 = E

Easy · 44 letters

X U B A T W I T U H O B I T C O

T C A B H H B W H O P U P

O Q U I W B I T U H O B P T W .

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: O = T

Hard · 44 letters

I H I H M H O D H T P M G O

O D Y O H L H M F X M G O P K O B

O D Y O G P C H K O G 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

5. Clue: C = E

Medium · 44 letters

A E L P Q V J H N N P T J F J
 H J N Q F C , L P Q M J S C
 T C F C W L N P F C E P F T A N .

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: M = E

Hard · 44 letters

O P Z A E M X J F P E V Z L C M
 L B M E D L T M , C A Z J F M
 T A J Z C M L B M E D L T 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. "A tree often transplanted is never loaded with fruit."

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

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

2. "Out of this nettle, danger, we pluck this flower, safety."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I, Act II. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "One bird in the dish is better than a hundred in the air."

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

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

4. "We were the first that ever burst into that silent sea."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1798, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Part II* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "If you want to mar a nature, you have merely to reform it."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

6. "Nature is hard to be overcome, but she must be overcome."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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