

Nature Cryptograms — Set 9

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: Z = E

Hard · 44 letters

K X M Z W T Z

N K O Z W C J R K Y . R Y

C V V , J E Z D R J J R Y L

M Z C M K Y R M X Z M 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

2. Clue: B = E

Expert · 44 letters

V D B A R T B J V I O P W J

T I L Z B A V K D W J V A

V D B S W A V B O ' A

O B F L R B 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

3. Clue: F = S

Hard · 44 letters

P V D V S N Q P F P V G

X D Q F G J F P F

I Q N W Y O Q P F F P N G

G Y P F Y K Q Q L 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: R = I

Hard · 44 letters

Q F P Y H P H

J S A R I R L J A R Q S Z Q M

E R M H Q F A P F S R A Z

P H J E R A R H 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: M = E

Hard · 44 letters

W O M V E Q W E S H F

E U W M K J E S M W E P M

U M N S M V W O N K W O M

V H F M N F 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: W = T

Hard · 45 letters

I C R I U B F H Q W M

P A O G W - W A C C M , J O M W

Q U W N U O Q W O B U Q

W I C P A O G 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

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. "Observe moderation. In all, the fitting season is best."

— *Hesiod, 700 BC, Works and Days, Line 694 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "The silent organ loudest chants the master's requiem."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1847, Poems, Dirge (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "An unpleasant guest is as welcome as salt to a sore eye."

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

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

4. "Our mere anticipations of life outrun its realities."

— *Aesop, 1867, Aesop's Fables (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)*

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

5. "The doctor is often more to be feared than the disease."

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

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

6. "He who plants fruit-trees, must not count upon the fruit."

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

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