

Nature Cryptograms — Set 11

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: K = E

Medium · 46 letters

Y N D Z J ' T K X Z A K D , U S O K

 S M K S U ; Y N D Z J ' T K A Z A K ,

 U S O K U Z D Z J W N K K 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

2. Clue: O = E

Easy · 46 letters

P Z C K Y M G P D W X G D

 Z Y W T S O T O M O G , P Z C

 G O J J G W O O T Z D A O K Y X

 C W 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

3. Clue: V = O

Medium · 46 letters

U S U B J I K P E V V F O K L

 N Y O T V V H - D Y E U T Y L N K

 F Y P H V A K A A U X L Y V 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

4. Clue: V = E

Expert · 46 letters

G R C V H R J C G R H

 S L G V I G V , V W V K , C I A

 Z J R Z Q V G A H R J C G R H

 Q V I E M 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

5. Clue: A = E

Hard · 46 letters

K C A K S A A N M M F S A K V P A

H S F D A W P A I V S A N K

S A O Q C A M K C A M R N A 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: U = E

Expert · 46 letters

G C U F U Q F U B T L U

I U Z U Q G B L T F U

G F V K L Y C Q H G G C Q H

M V R G T F V U 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

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)

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Answer key

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1. "If you've money, take a seat; if you've none, take to your feet."

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

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

2. "Who buys wants a hundred eyes, who sells need have but one."

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

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

3. "Every man looks at his wood-pile with a kind of affection."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "Some forms of disease, even, may prophesy forms of health."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

5. "The tree is sure to be pruned before it reaches the skies."

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

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

6. "There are some defeats more triumphant than victories."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays, Book I, Chap. XXX. Of Cannibals* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)