

Nature Cryptograms — Set 15

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: A = E

Expert · 49 letters

K L B T F E T F R V Y A S

A Q A M W K C A , Y T K G

C A P M W J T L S J A

C X M K G Y C T L R K L A .

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: L = W

Medium · 49 letters

R S L R M F J O G L R D B

R S X M Y ' B L D Y B ,

L K Q Q G M M Y G S Q Q

L R D B R S X M S G L D Y 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

3. Clue: H = T

Hard · 49 letters

H U G F E X H U I H R B

N E M W G F R K H E H U G

L E E F B L R O O K E H

U D K H T I K P F G G 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

4. Clue: M = A

Hard · 49 letters

E M Q P C Z G I M

V P Q M R B Z X B S P U

K Y G X Y G I M B K M W I

M E U E Z J Z C Q Y Z

I M 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

5. Clue: O = H

Hard · 49 letters

X O Z R J O T S Y T B K O

X O Z W Z N C T V T X

M N G G R X O Z J D V C W

D V X O Z D G O N V C 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

6. Clue: F = E

Medium · 50 letters

Y O F F Z F Y D I T F

V H M I F G M F F M V Y G F

I T H O D Y X G F Z F M Y D

T R M M F G A H O I 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 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. "If you would get exercise, go in search of the springs of life."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

2. "He who buys what he don't want, will soon sell what he does want."

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

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

3. "The dog that is forced into the woods will not hunt many deer."

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

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

4. "Nature is a mutable cloud which is always and never the same."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series, History* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "They who plough the sea do not carry the winds in their hands."

— Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, *Sententiae (Maxims)*, 759 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "One eye of the master sees more than four eyes of his servants."

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

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