

Nature Cryptograms — Set 17

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: B = E

Expert · 51 letters

G M E C O M V S T X S

M X S R Z B M B F B Z J O J

L B S Z X Q S T B T B X Z S

S T X S K E F B J T B 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

2. Clue: L = O

Expert · 51 letters

X R Q M V H G H Q C N H P

U L D R S D X J A R A D Z M

A L E L B H A L A D H

S Q L J V M C L Q C L L 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

3. Clue: D = N

Expert · 51 letters

D E A S G V Y S A J D L

N S V J A K L D E D Z

E D J B V G J D L D V

B P K X P B V H L G A E U J

E J 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: K = E

Medium · 51 letters

X J G Q P A W U J H K K I ,

U C K D K J V K P U Q G

G J U W H K , A W U C K Q P

J U C Q G V Q G Y H K K 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

5. Clue: M = N

Expert · 51 letters

Z U Q D V M G U L N
J D P N X H P H V A Z G
I L N M H P H R V N D V M
P M X V W L D N U Y P M
L N M H .

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 · 51 letters

N W M M Y U C N W U C N M K W

D O M G M W L K J J Z

J D L E M Y R D G B

N W M M Y U C N W U C

R K L G .

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. "Knowing that Nature never did betray the heart that loved her."

— William Wordsworth, 1798, *Lyrical Ballads, Lines composed a few miles above Tintern Abbey* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Bird never flew so high but it had to come to the ground for food."

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

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

3. "Nature puts no question and answers none which we mortals ask."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "Man is but a reed, the weakest in nature, but he is a thinking reed."

— Blaise Pascal, 1670, *Pensees (Thoughts), Chap. II. 10* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Love in your hearts as idly burns as fire in antique Roman urns."

— Samuel Butler, 1664, *Hudibras, Part II, Canto I. Line 309* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Freedom from fear is eternally linked with freedom from want."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1944, *State of the Union Address*

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