

Nature Cryptograms — Set 20

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

Medium · 53 letters

R S Z M O D Z O G O M I

X Z I G N P K S, S Z

Q M H R G M Z P I S Z N

N Z C O I P H M G M H N

A N P Z M V 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

2. Clue: W = E

Expert · 53 letters

B D K W M K W B T M G X O W

V L G W T G D R W K

N O W M P K L V O G U D T

K G O M T Z W

W O X A G D V T K .

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: W = T

Medium · 53 letters

Q E Q S A N F C I H S W P Y

W F E C K S Q B L N F C

I Q W L H K X C P Y S W H S A

Q S W Y O O Y M W W F F .

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: I = E

Hard · 54 letters

X O I H R O I A Y G I A

T W E I J H Z H Z Y J I , Y R

Y J I Y R O I A Q A Y I Q

S L Z A T S D O

J X Z F F I 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

5. Clue: O = N

Hard · 54 letters

O Y H G V O P G C E E A O M

H Y C O I F C O L G V S G

G A V M O Y H W Y B F A R

U I O C H T B A H Y U A C 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

6. Clue: K = E

Medium · 54 letters

Y N K S K I N K S K H T R L
Y W R I L X Y H D D ,
I N K S K Y H D D Q K R L
Y W R I L X
L M M L S I F R H I 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

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. "When a peasant gets rich, he knows neither relations nor friends."

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

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

2. "Diseased Nature oftentimes breaks forth in strange eruptions."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I, Act III. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "I find you want me to furnish you with argument and intellect too."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1766, *The Vicar of Wakefield, Chap. VII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "When the river makes no noise, it is either dried up or much swollen."

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

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

5. "Nothing happens to any man which he is not formed by nature to bear."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

6. "Where there is no want of will, there will be no want of opportunity."

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

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