

## Nature Cryptograms — Set 23

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: T = E

Expert · 56 letters

**T S T C E J C N F M A U K**

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**D N J U C Q T Z T T**

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**M C U Q F T L Q Y V A V A T**

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**B U Z V N J I F L N F V**

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**C T Q N C L Z .**

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M**

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**N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

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2. Clue: J = A

Expert · 56 letters

**V J P D L B A J P B G**

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**E J M E D M J P H L G ; A B L**

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**K B P A H F G J L B**

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**G J M P J P H L Q J V F**

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**T K I D M G T S B .**

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Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>M</b> |
| <b>N</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>V</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Z</b> |

3. Clue: N = E

Hard · 57 letters

C Y Y P N X G , V F X , B Y N V

J E P I E Z Y T M M R N

Y X Z P F I N M R N V T S ;

F M V R F S N V

N L N X G J R N X N .

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: J = T

Hard · 57 letters

S L B A S E F B S F Z W A B L

K L P F J L I L R E J Z

Y W G G W B J P D J Z W B E J

Z W A R E J Z

C L G E J E S 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 |

5. Clue: G = E

Hard · 57 letters

Y K H G N K X U Y W X Y V D

V M T M X C O M Y F W X

M V V - Y G E I G Z G A

I G Z U K X , E Q U Y H G

A Z G W A L Q V .

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: L = E

Medium · 57 letters

T M Z G P L V Z B I I  
J E E L P V X L P Y J G T Z N  
M T C X G D M T L E E J P Z V  
X M W L D G I Z B H I B L C  
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 |

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. "Every branch of labor we see crowned with the most abundant rewards."

— Andrew Jackson, 1835, *Seventh Annual Message to Congress*

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

### 2. "Nature hates calculators; her methods are saltatory and impulsive."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *Essays: Second Series*

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

### 3. "Foolery, sir, does walk about the orb like the sun; it shines everywhere."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Twelfth Night, Act III. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

### 4. "Conscience has no more to do with gallantry than it has with politics."

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1775, *The Duenna, Act II. Sc. 4* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

### 5. "To be constantly living with an ill-tempered person, must be dreadful."

— Jane Austen, 1815, *Emma*

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

### 6. "Nature still offers her bounty and human efforts have multiplied it."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933, *First Inaugural Address*

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