

Nature Cryptograms — Set 24

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: I = E

Medium · 57 letters

A I M Q I I S M Q R

N R Q H J B V , D I D H V

M D I H B U H S M H O I Q D R

K E J V M B I M I N M V M D I

R M D I J .

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: G = E

Medium · 58 letters

X G S X Q Y L K G N U P P Q

I G N

I N L J G P - Z N W W Y G W Y L

I Q W U S Y P X P X G

X N U R A G Y U X Y L

X N U R .

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: I = C

Medium · 58 letters

C O E G G O U

F A K I W J F E M G

O E J H W M S W L

I A J I V H K G E M I U K

C W V P F E M F I W V P F

U L L U I 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

4. Clue: S = E

Medium · 58 letters

N V V Q M S T K X Q L M T

C M V N K Q P Y Q

M S P S Y I S , P Q L X C Y K

Q P M S I S Y I H N T

X C Y K Q P T S Y T S .

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 = S

Hard · 58 letters

P J K P R E O G O

E T H V O O E W I U P V W U

O V E I U L W C G D C

V K P Z G J L P V K N R G O

P R U O K D W U G T .

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 = O

Medium · 58 letters

E F B B F Y V A O D O L C W

J X F Y M W E A

U Y Q V F E D M F U M C W

U F Q W E W P Q C F U

Z W Q Q C E D Q F Y E 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

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. "Between two cowards, he has the advantage who first detects the other."

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

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

2. "He who is meant to be a basket-carrier is born with the handle in his hand."

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

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

3. "What the discordant harmony of circumstances would and could effect."

— *Horace, 20 BC, Epistles, I. 12, 19 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "Immodest words admit of no defence, For want of decency is want of sense."

— *Wentworth Dillon, Earl of Roscommon, 1684, An Essay on Translated Verse, Line 113 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam."

— *John Milton, 1643, The Doctrine and Discipline of Divorce (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Now would I give a thousand furlongs of sea for an acre of barren ground."

— *William Shakespeare, 1611, The Tempest, Act I. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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