

Nature Cryptograms — Set 26

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: V = E

Hard · 59 letters

L N V K X Q J T ,

I B X I I H C K , X C J

Y V A F Y E V P Q B J X T H E

U Y V R L H C L F L N V

I F E F A F P L N V E V X .

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: N = E

Hard · 59 letters

M N H N N E N H J T U N O T

W M N N S X N B T H N Z A W

T M U Z T Q W N, N E N H J

W O H N N O M T Q G V X N

P G N C U .

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: O = E

Medium · 59 letters

S Q Y O H K R X K J P

R U G O H R E , R S O X Z K P

J E O V O P O W U Y O .

V S U R ' E U E J H Y Q U G

Q H R S O E S U Y O !

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 = O

Hard · 59 letters

V G V H W K O B H B T G

O T I J N Z N I V T N

B P I I G U Z O T R I J

K O B F R I J Q Z I Q H O

A R G Z O A Q V F K O .

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: F = E

Easy · 59 letters

B M J E F M F B K N E X B Q

T I J D F

M S N N F M M A S H , W

U W H H A I H H I U B A J F K

J E B J U E W N E W H I Y F .

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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6. Clue: H = T

Medium · 60 letters

G Q H C L H W Y F F H
P D D S Y C F Q
E T F L W L Q H
H C D N O C H W K U G Q O
W L S H C D N O C H W H D
H C F P G Q 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

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

Answer key

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1. "The gaudy, blabbing, and remorseful day is crept into the bosom of the sea."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, Part II. Act IV. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Were every one to sweep before his own house, every street would be clean."

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

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

3. "Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade!"

— Benjamin Franklin, 1750, *Poor Richard's Almanack*

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

4. "It is pleasant enough going afoot when you lead your horse by the bridle."

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

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

5. "As the search may not be successful, I will follow after that which I love."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

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

6. "In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts bring sad thoughts to the mind."

— William Wordsworth, 1798, *Lyrical Ballads, Lines written in Early Spring* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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