

# Nature Cryptograms — Set 27

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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: U = E

Expert · 60 letters

F Y U C U N J Q H U P F D

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L O Z U P N E H H L W U L O

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P E F M C U , A M F P L F J L

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K M X Y L O P E F M C U

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Y U C J U H O .

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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: R = T

Expert · 60 letters

**R F H X B F R F Z U L I J**

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**N G O C P O H Q Z I O H X I**

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**F Z G J , P Z R L R E H R**

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**N G D Z L R K E Z K R L E**

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**O H X I F G L I .**

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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: M = H

Medium · 60 letters

**M Q L M F Z O H Q P F K**

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**B M Q S O X K B ' P**

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**P M F D V H Q Z P P Q Q P**

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**G D Z B M Q Z B M X K M Q**

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**L M F N X Z Z O Q P M O J .**

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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> |

4. Clue: W = E

Medium · 60 letters

**U W L R N B W Z Q G U S L R**

**G U Z Q U W L R E B S Y**

**V Z Q X B W , Z V H G U S**

**V W J W B B W Y L V H R X R**

**S E S Q U W B R .**

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> |

5. Clue: L = E

Hard · 60 letters

**P L A Y R R K F J Y R C I**

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**P K N C X P M F V**

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**R Y F H N L , K N C L Y W**

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**P M F V V L N Y X P L**

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**C L Y W P M F V**

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**B L N X K R X .**

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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> |

6. Clue: W = A

Easy · 61 letters

L R L G D Y G

V S T W R W D G G Y S T W Q D

J L G I W F Y D R G W D G

V T Q R T A T Q W D F T W D O

W V V S L F W G L Y D ?

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. "There is plenty of genial love of Nature, but not so much of Nature herself."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

2. "Though the bird may fly over your head, let it not make its nest in your hair."

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

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

3. "He who rides on the giant's shoulders sees further than he who carries him."

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

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

4. "He is great who is what he is from Nature, and who never reminds us of others."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1850, *Representative Men, Uses of Great Men (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "We cannot bandy words with Nature, or deal with her as we deal with persons."

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

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

6. "Is it not pleasant to learn with a constant perseverance and application?"

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

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