

Nature Cryptograms — Set 31

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: G = I

Hard · 64 letters

Z S V Z L Q L V N D

J Q G P Z E G P Q M W N R V

N W V G Z E L N P Z Q Y

J W G P O G J F V N P I G Z E

L N P Z Q Y J W Q Y G F 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

2. Clue: T = E

Hard · 64 letters

Q L R S T X A I L S P Z

O R P M T Z Q U R S T

X A A Z R S T W T X A D I Z

S P G T Y T T U U A S D T

P U Z V W M P L R T W S Q C .

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: T = E

Easy · 64 letters

D B V W L D Q W L K

C O O V T Q Q C V Q S W N T

U W L B D F U T Q U W K T W

Y F A K T V L T Q Q W L K

Z W A A T K F D O T W Z 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

4. Clue: Q = E

Hard · 64 letters

K A W G R Q A M V U G

D P C A X A U R M ; E W U V Y

J U V Q I Q W A M

W A Y I G Q J Q K Q V E I Q V

D Q V Y W P V G G I Q B

Q W W .

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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5. Clue: V = E

Expert · 64 letters

V S Y K V P V H X J

J U Y N K V V F N U C V J E H

L K W E N M V ; X J P U J

Y B V I D W X J Y W H W P V

P I H Y V K X W N H N H 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: N = S

Medium · 64 letters

M T Y Y A Q I N N
P I Y I Q P N , T N
Q T W R E I N M B K N ,
J I N N B Q I U W I E A B E
W M A Q O N W M T Q L B N W
N R Y Y B N I .

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 two weak points in our age are its want of principle and its want of profile."

— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *The Importance of Being Earnest*

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

2. "If the wolf had stayed in the wood there would have been no hue and cry after him."

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

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

3. "Tyrants and oppressors have many times made a wilderness and called it peace."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1904, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "Virtue is not malicious; wrong done her is righted even when men grant they err."

— George Chapman, 1606, *Monsieur D'Olive*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Extremes in nature equal ends produce; In man they join to some mysterious use."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man*, Epistle II. Line 205 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Happiness depends, as Nature shows, Less on exterior things than most suppose."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems* (1782), *Table Talk*. Line 246 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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