

# Nature Cryptograms — Set 35

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: H = T

Medium · 66 letters

Q H Q C A G H M A G K W L

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H G V M

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Q A U K C H E Q G K C ; C G

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I E M H L M I A H C . T L I H

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I E M P G K

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Q A U K C H E Q G K C

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I V G K H ?

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

2. Clue: J = T

Expert · 66 letters

**D F P J G J M F S T Z A L**

**R P F J M Q P T B F S I L**

**A F J , E Y J M Z I I**

**J M Q Y P H S Z A J Y J G F D**

**I F O Q , V Z U Q S W V G**

**T S 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 |

3. Clue: L = T

Hard · 66 letters

**L O J W B E V W M T I Q L**

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**W V I F C B C L U , I Q E**

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**L O J U W Z Q P V W M**

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**T I Q L W V**

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**S Q W T B J E P J , B J L**

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**L O C Q P H F J B W H L .**

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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: S = E

Medium · 67 letters

**A I S I U W I S Z A I S**

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**B G Y C A D U C A I S**

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**F G R S Z A I S H D F S,**

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**A I S A D F F S Z A I S**

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**A Z S S A I S I D Z M S Z**

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**A I S T D F F.**

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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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

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

5. Clue: L = E

Medium · 67 letters

**F L    W D O L    D K    P K    P A L**

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**F N L K    S L K    R X L P R**

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**P X R    P C    D Q    D R    F L X L**

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**S L P K R    R B    M L    P    Q B X S**

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**B Q    P T R B M D B A X P Z N V .**

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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: L = N

Medium · 67 letters

D K G U R T H O V H  
F U D Q V S D L W  
E V S O H L Q, E V Q T D E  
X D L L V S A V K U S V T D P  
H L X E V L X T D P U L H L  
V S S H L 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 |

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| 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<br>UP AN GO NO US AM                                                                                    |
| Most common 3-letter words | THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE<br>OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE<br>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. "It is not enough to be industrious; so are the ants. What are you industrious about?"

— Henry David Thoreau, 1857, *Letter to H. G. O. Blake, November 16, 1857, in Familiar Letters*

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

2. "Forty thousand brothers could not, with all their quantity of love, Make up my sum."

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

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

3. "The old for want of ability, and the young for want of knowledge, let things be lost."

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

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

4. "The higher the mountain the lower the vale, the taller the tree the harder the fall."

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

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

5. "We live in an age when men treat art as if it were meant to be a form of autobiography."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

6. "If you have a loitering servant, set his dinner before him and send him on an errand."

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

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