

Nature Cryptograms — Set 37

6 puzzles · Standard 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: E = O

Medium · 68 letters

V J V C Q X V L R C H F Y E D

P Y F V W Q E C X, V N C E W E D

P E E W X, U K E X Y D F E U Y P

V C H D P R Q W V T Y Q X W K Y

U E P F H .

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: C = A

Hard · 68 letters

Q J S Q X J K N C K D C E J Q Z U B

C F J X G E J L C U K S U I S A B

K N C K Q Z K T S Q Q J F B S U

K N J F C G X F S C R K F C T E B .

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: A = T

Medium · 69 letters

G A A H X R A A B H H M K , G M K

M H Q H P D A G M K A T K T I L A ;

M T A B W M C ' D D T B G P K L I A

D H G P F B Y W S S O W M K W A

T I 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

4. Clue: M = A

Hard · 69 letters

B W I V I E M V S Q W M B T K K F

B W I F D W L K M V ' F K T N I

M F F M T K , - B L T K , I O P H ,

Q M O B , B W I U M B V L O , M O Z

B W I C M T K .

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: U = E

Hard · 69 letters

Z P H C Q W A I K U Q B A ,

H U D H U Q K U Q W A I K U

S H U U M U , J E T Z Q W A I K U

Q I P H Q , P A R S E T Q Q T C Q

W A I K U I H U U Q .

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: Y = T

Medium · 69 letters

Y R B W T T D T W I U Y S O B

X Y T T M N Q Y R X Y S Z Q M

B G B X U I M F U Z Q I F

E T S Y R , Y R U Y Y B X Y Q W Q B M

X S O Z O Q X B .

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)

Answer key

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1. "A man is a bundle of relations, a knot of roots, whose flower and fruitage is the world."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series, History* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "People that make puns are like wanton boys that put coppers on the railroad tracks."

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1858, *The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table, I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Attempt the end, and never stand to doubt; Nothing's so hard but search will find it out."

— Robert Herrick, 1648, *Hesperides, Seek and Find* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "There mark what ills the scholar's life assail, - Toil, envy, want, the patron, and the jail."

— Samuel Johnson, 1749, *The Vanity of Human Wishes, Line 159* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Warms in the sun, refreshes in the breeze, Glows in the stars, and blossoms in the trees."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle I. Line 271* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The fool of nature stood with stupid eyes and gaping mouth, that testified surprise."

— John Dryden, 1700, *Cymon and Iphigenia, Line 107* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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