

Nature Cryptograms — Set 39

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: M = T

Medium · 70 letters

M Q O C O B U L S

L P M F C O Y Q B G Q B U

B L E O C B S C M S P C M ,

E S C M Q O P C M U

B W B M P M O M Q O

L P M F C O U S E

M Q B L H 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

2. Clue: B = T

Medium · 71 letters

U B U T Q V T T U N W Z B V

E I A Z I T Z P U V D T

B D P K V Y G U K X, I K X

R Z B B V B I W S

Q W Z I T I K B W R I K X

M E Z Z P Y D W W R.

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: K = E

Hard · 71 letters

F Q K A M J E V R

U V D E U W K D U K, J Q W U Q

J K G T K F K D X F V H K

X K T W P K X R T V O

D M F L T K, G T V U K K X

R T V O U L E F V 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: J = O

Medium · 71 letters

J I K U F T Y O I N J S T F !

W J Y J J W T F G N J S W

G H O G N K Y O T X , Y J I O

Y U N V T W R F U E F J Y T

I K X U W P

O U E T N T Y Y N D .

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: O = E

Hard · 71 letters

W L D V C O J F O I W F D

U P H O D F A O

F A I O C X O J , L W J

U P H O I D R L D Y O

I R F V U J A O R O C

N F F U I L W J

Z U L G B L D O 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

6. Clue: N = E

Medium · 72 letters

S X O N S I A J M N I N J

X Y N R T Z X

F J V O N S Z S J X

V N T V O N S J U

V O S H N Z, T J N Q N N V Z

O T T Q A J M S X X Y N

Z X N N V O N .

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. "There is no nature which is inferior to art, for the arts imitate the natures of things."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

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

2. "It is possible to have a serious turn of mind, and yet to talk pleasantly and cheerfully."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)*

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

3. "The laws of conscience, which we pretend to be derived from nature, proceed from custom."

— *Michel de Montaigne, 1580, Essays, Book I, Chap. XXII. Of Custom (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "O fairest flower! no sooner blown but blasted, Soft silken primrose fading timelessly."

— *John Milton, 1673, Ode on the Death of a Fair Infant, dying of a Cough (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Nature does not like to be observed, and likes that we should be her fools and playmates."

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

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

6. "At leaving even the most unpleasant people and places, one keeps looking at the steeple."

— Lord Byron, 1819, *Don Juan*, Canto II. Stanza 14 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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