

Nature Cryptograms — Set 41

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: P = E

Easy · 74 letters

W Q S X D H G F M A F K P ,

D T X H O O P B ' X

B S V P E S E N D B P C W Q ,

O C T V B F K P C

D P C H W P F H X M A F U P B

U Q P E E P J W U P O P P W .

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: E = R

Medium · 75 letters

T O H Z O H E N U A H L I E

C N E H , N U H L E Z O I E

L N E , Z O H

H V Z E L S L W L U Z L U F

H E E N U W A J N E N Z

O N H A Z I O N A

Q I U C N U 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

3. Clue: D = E

Hard · 75 letters

L W D W N I L W Z V A
S X H W , I O L W H D N L H
S D A D N L W L W D
H W N U D , G Z V
L N P C O A J N J D N A U
I W O H E D V O A J
P Z T D V H K N U 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

4. Clue: F = H

Medium · 76 letters

X P Y C U W M M V F W J W

T B K V C Z F K W

I X C P F W Z T W ; Y C A

B K R T R Z U C K U

U F X C E , Z X J , U K

P Y U P F K M A L X J A Z

V X U F P F Y H 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

5. Clue: L = T

Easy · 77 letters

Z L X I A M C C Z B J U ,

A X L H X K J E W L D J

K M N D L J X F C H J A M A

M L L D Z A E W L D J

I X X U C Z A U C I Z H T C

L D Z L C F K K X F A U M L .

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: T = E

Medium · 77 letters

G W T V P B O F J

J I C T S Y O W C R P I T

P A O G T I T P S Y

T G T I S P V, F J F S T

B T X B C G W G W T V P B O

F J S P G A I T P S Y F J

H F I P 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

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. "This bud of love, by summer's ripening breath, May prove a beauteous flower when next we meet."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Whether in sea or fire, in earth or air, The extravagant and erring spirit hies to his confine."

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

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

3. "The hawthorn bush, with seats beneath the shade, For talking age and whispering lovers made."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, *The Deserted Village*, Line 13 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "I can tell where my own shoe pinches me; and you must not think, sir, to catch old birds with chaff."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1605, *Don Quixote*, Part I, Book IV. Chap. V (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "A town is saved, not more by the righteous men in it than by the woods and swamps that surround it."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

6. "The laws of friendship are austere and eternal, of one web with the laws of nature and of morals."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, Essays: First Series*

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