

Nature Cryptograms — Set 43

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: J = E

Easy · 78 letters

H J X S K V H A X X H J

D J I U A X C V X S I J X E

X V G J O J I E B C B V W ;

K O J F J X X J I

S C R J I K X V C R K O J I

E B C V P P V A I K X O V C

B J .

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: N = A

Medium · 78 letters

V N Y H S W O Z Y R W

O V Q N S V N Y O E V E M N

Y R E H A R Y , N V K

Y H S V Z Y E N

Y R E H A R Y N A N O V , N Z

O Q W G W Q E B W Z X N Y W S

N V K A N Z .

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: P = N

Easy · 78 letters

F Q V M I

I M I N O R Q F P H, O I R

Q V M I P Z R Q F P H; V P B

V G R Q Z T H Q F

U Z L L I L L P Z R Q F P H,

L R F G G Z Y P Z R Q F P H

V K F F P A V P 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

4. Clue: P = N

Easy · 79 letters

K V H M S P K O S D D A P I

A P K H D D A I H P M H

C P W H O T K L P W T A K T

S U P P L K C O H, L P W

U V L K A K W S H T, L P W

U V H O H S P A K U S O Q 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

5. Clue: L = A

Easy · 79 letters

L U Y U M L M Y C Y U W

O N T Z J R Q T C Y T U L

V T Z U M M H X J L O L

O Z X E X H O Y,

E J Y L O L U W T X

Z U E J Y L O L U W, L O

W N Y Q L O Y C L V P Y.

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: H = T

Medium · 79 letters

B K B V R R Q L H

W Q H V F V O W H K H M K

O W T H ; T L U V Q P ,

J L C Q S O K L O R K , -

L C I

I K H I L T O K F H V L Q

B V R R Z K W R R H L H M K

G C H C I 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

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. "Let us a little permit Nature to take her own way; she better understands her own affairs than we."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1588, *Essays, Book III, Chap. XIII. Of Experience* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "Nature is the incarnation of a thought, and turns to a thought again, as ice becomes water and gas."

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

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

3. "I have everything, yet have nothing; and although I possess nothing, still of nothing am I in want."

— Terence, 161 BC, *Eunuchus, Act II. Sc. 2, 12. (243)* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "The controlling Intelligence understands its own nature, and what it does, and whereon it works."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations, VI. 5* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "An engagement should come on a young girl as a surprise, pleasant or unpleasant, as the case may be."

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

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

6. "We will not anticipate the past; so mind, young people, - our retrospection will be all to the future."

— *Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1775, The Rivals, Act IV. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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