

Nature Cryptograms — Set 50

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: N = E

Easy · 94 letters

X J D C S K Q K E N ,

M T Y J N X , X J D C S K

Q K E N , Q N S B N E N

Y N L N J P N E X N P N E , -

K S N V K K U J S X N T

T S Y K S N K S X C K E N ,

U K K S N U C J S D

L K S X U T S U S N P N E .

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: P = I

Medium · 94 letters

P O G Q F W P T H R F D Z T

X R Z T G Q P D W F R O

P T U A D P G Z E R J A T

Q P W P T W G P T Y G W ,

Z T U G Q F K F Z E P U F ,

G Q F Q I H F C A K R U

C P R R Y A D F K A I T U

G A Q P 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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3. Clue: U = E

Medium · 95 letters

V M J Q U X M N Y S M X

I N D U N Z G J X Y E U ' I

L N Y E G U W D U G M J A

D J A U D U G J G A G N X

D J A U X M U D F U O O ,

X M U W V D V X J X U A

M Y D J G V X W I N

J P N D V G J P O 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

4. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 96 letters

N V V H S Z B J W I Z J Q

Y D Z Q Y J B Q A C

V N P D Y, A B Q Y J B Q A C

S A B V N V P, O Z K O B A X Q

K D N M D Y D Z Q H V

N S X Z J B I Q A V Z L Z B G

I Z J C J V O Z L Z B G

C I A K Z 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

5. Clue: H = E

Medium · 96 letters

J M Y V T H U Y Z U P H

C V L U P V W K G Y X C

Z J U L G H, W V G B J G Q,

Z V U K H G X J Z H Z U,

E B H H U, Z V U

T J E U Y Z D, U P H

K H G W L X H J Z Q

E L K K T Y J Z S H V W J

X Y Z L 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

6. Clue: B = E

Medium · 96 letters

W B V A V F D B E Z

Q M E K B E D B Z J D A K B

X B D N E V Z X, -

X B D N E V Z X Y S Z J B

X Y N B D B A F V Y D

X Z E Z B, X B D N E V Z X

Y S S E W B, E V T

X B D N E V Z X Y S

G O X A V B X 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

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. "Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more, Men were deceivers ever, - One foot in sea and one on shore, To one thing constant never."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "If the single man plant himself indomitably on his instincts, and there abide, the huge world will come round to him."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836, *Nature, Addresses and Lectures. The American Scholar* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "I have thought some of Nature's journeymen had made men and not made them well, they imitated humanity so abominably."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act III. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Innumerable as the stars of night, Or stars of morning, dewdrops which the sun Impearls on every leaf and every flower."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book V. Line 745 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "A violet in the youth of primy nature, Forward, not permanent, sweet, not lasting, The perfume and suppliance of a minute."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Men in great place are thrice servants, - servants of the sovereign or state, servants of fame, and servants of business."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *Essays, Of Great Place* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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