

Nature Cryptograms — Set 55

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: V = E

Easy · 108 letters

Z L V I G E Y W S Q H Z E V D

D L E F V W S K M Z , S E A V

D Z W G D ; Z L V

P L W G E Z E V D Z L W Z

D K K Z L V W F Q L V W S

W F Q N S V D D W G V

D P W Z Z V G V Q W Z Z L V

M V V Z K M Y W F S E A V

M S K B V G 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

2. Clue: Y = T

Easy · 108 letters

F M Q U I F L C C L Z I R Y

Y K M K L Z S Y V I P Y K M

L U Y, F M Q U I F L C C

L Z I R Y Y K M K L Z S Y V

I P Y K M Z M M, Z R Y F M

Q U I F U I Y K S U B L Y

L C C L Z I R Y Y K M

K L Z S Y V I P Y K M

I T V Y M 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

3. Clue: B = E

Medium · 108 letters

F X B S F J S R B P I R ,

T R V S T F L S G X S R

X T O S R Y F W G X T

M B I B U T F C I B R C Z

F B T F , S D T U U C X B S L

F T R V I B L B H B T L U ,

C X B I T C B L R B G C T L ,

T R V C X B L P G Q F

H W L B Y P U V .

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 = E

Easy · 109 letters

S Z P K E V T S D U T B

H E E G E T K D Q D S Z E T ,

D T M K D Q D S Z E T

H E E G B E T S Z P B P D ;

D T M K V B U T X S Z P Q P

D T Z E V Q D H E T P , U

M Q P D K P M S Z D S

X Q P P N P K U X Z S

B S U H H O P W Q P P .

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: M = A

Easy · 109 letters

R G E W P B S P P I - S E T P J

W P I M R E S W E Q

Z V B G R K U E E J W ,

R M D D E M H W ,

T S M I N G - N G M S Z P J T K

R G P P M S I P W R

W R M S W , J S P M Z , M I J

W E J S P M Z M D D

I V B G R U V R G E Y R M

W R V S .

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: C = N

Easy · 109 letters

C W Y L J X Z W N Z W R

J X I W J R K C

X P X J U Y Z K C I C E

M X N N Y E Y Z X X C R

Y Z W C Y E Y Z X

A X I K C C K C I W C R Y Z X

F E C Y K C L W C F X, S L N Y

M K G X Y Z X T W C Q Z E

Y Z J E Q N L O W A W M M.

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. "The primal duties shine aloft, like stars; The charities that soothe and heal and bless are scattered at the feet of man like flowers."

— William Wordsworth, 1814, *The Excursion*, Book IX (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "We know all about the habits of the ant, we know all about the habits of the bee, but we know nothing at all about the habits of the oyster."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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

3. "She is mine own, And I as rich in having such a jewel as twenty seas, if all their sand were pearl, The water nectar, and the rocks pure gold."

— William Shakespeare, 1591, *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, Act II. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The mountains look on Marathon, And Marathon looks on the sea; And musing there an hour alone, I dreamed that Greece might still be free."

— Lord Byron, 1819, *Don Juan*, Canto III. Stanza 86. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Those green-robed senators of mighty woods, Tall oaks, branch-charmed by the earnest stars, Dream, and so dream all night without a stir."

— John Keats, 1820, *Lamia, Isabella, The Eve of St. Agnes, and Other Poems*, *Hyperion*. Book I (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Nature has had regard in everything no less to the end than to the beginning and the continuance, just like the man who throws up a ball."

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

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