

Nature Cryptograms — Set 57

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: D = A

Easy · 113 letters

D L D I P D N P D E T R X ,

D I R N P D N E T R X B A

M T I Q B I Z R N T D

Y J D M Z ; E S N U P Z K Z

Q K B Z I R A P B Y B A ,

D J J T Q Q B M Z A T Q

J B Q Z D K Z D A B N

U Z K Z F K D I N Z R N T

P B L , D I R P B A

R Z Y S N 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

2. Clue: H = T

Easy · 114 letters

M Z M S S N G K N A O M E E !

M Z W J P H H I P S P

W G P F H M F F H I M H ' E

Q N N W , M Z W M F F

H I M H ' E B M V S ; Q V C P

A P X T H G I M H H I V E

S V X M Z W X N T Z W ,

H M D P M F F H I P S P E H

H I P E T Z Q N P E

S N T Z 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: F = T

Medium · 114 letters

F N U Q U K O G S F O S H N

J W S J E F K F M B R

Z U Q K F G U F D U U E

F N U Z ; V S O F U E B S T N

F B Z J P U B E U T B B A

O B Q F B R Z J E ; J E A

B R Y J F U K F N J O

G U U E O N K R F K E T

J G B S F L Q U F F M

Z S H 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

4. Clue: B = E

Medium · 114 letters

P H D B U Q T B G Q M J D B ,

F Y E S B D Z U H T B ;

F Y E G B G Q U U F U U

M J B W U B F A C V B A

W V H T B M J F M J Q U U A

F Y E T F U U B Z A ,

E F U B A F Y E N Q B U E A ,

G H H E A H V A M B B W Z

D H C Y M F Q Y Z Q B U E A .

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: Z = E

Easy · 114 letters

V F V P M P Z X M Y F C

R Z U D Z V A Z F K V P,

F C C, V N N Z W V O F Z Y Q

H K Z S F K Z C D D O P V C S

O U V P Z P, H K O F

A V U F M Z S O F M U Z K O P

I V A Z S F C N O S F C

C R R C P Z F C Z A Z U Q

H U C S I X M Y O D F.

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: F = N

Medium · 115 letters

X Q B V H P V X F C

Y V U Z C F B, V N W R W F

X F Z C X N G, X L X G F V

J V F P W N C A C J I X F P

L V H N X F C F B L O X F P

E H L F C U W; X L X G

G V U W L O X F P W J G W

C F T U V N W X F L O W

F C L H N W V Q C

Z X Y F X 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

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. "A man hath a body, and that body is confined to a place; but where friendship is, all offices of life are as it were granted to him, and his deputy."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

2. "A narrow compass! and yet there Dwelt all that's good, and all that's fair; Give me but what this riband bound, Take all the rest the sun goes round."

— Edmund Waller, 1645, *Poems, On a Girdle (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "There is but such a quantity of merit between them; just enough to make one good sort of man; and of late it has been shifting about pretty much."

— Jane Austen, 1813, *Pride and Prejudice*

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

4. "Come live with me, and be my love; And we will all the pleasures prove that hills and valleys, dales and fields, Woods or steepy mountain yields."

— Christopher Marlowe, 1599, *The Passionate Shepherd to his Love, to his Love (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "It is useful to perceive this, too, immediately when the occasion arises, what virtue nature has given to man to oppose to every wrongful act."

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

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

6. "If you go in a company, or even in pairs, it is no longer a walking tour in anything but name; it is something else and more in the nature of a picnic."

— *Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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