

Nature Cryptograms — Set 59

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: R = E

Medium · 118 letters

H Z R J L L G W Y N H F R

D Q N R A X B Q N Q H R I

E O I A Q F R G E A A X

S E G R I U L G , N L H Z E H

W R O I Q S Q H X N Z E A A

O L H F R H R W J H R I

Q O H L W R O I E S Q H X ,

O L G D E O H

R K E N J R G E H R I Q O H L

S G Q W 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

2. Clue: L = E

Medium · 118 letters

Q L J H L M U J I L J

P G Q K C H , Z U L M K U L B

H L L K J Z U J X L , K C

Y X S M N U S H C G K J M

L H D K B K G R R B Z J B

C Y J H G Q L H L M K , K C

A S I L W K U S H Y W C H

X J B S M N I S C X L M K

U J M A Q G D C M K U L

Q U S 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

3. Clue: Y = E

Easy · 119 letters

W J W K B Z U C K J B K W G

J T Y U W Z Z Y O O W A U

F Y N Y B N N W H Y R,

F T Y O F Y K T B Z Z

J T N C F C A N P Z C P D K

B O R F B J P T Y K C H Y N

J T Y T C A K Y J C L, B O R

N Y U Y U M Y N J W U Y B O R

K Y B K C O K O C U C N 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

4. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 120 letters

Z D F Z Z M Y L E W R Y G

P A Z V R P L J H ; R L M

U Z H W R Y G Y L H A R H

P A Z L Z K Z G P H X M Y Z M

H J N Z W R Y G Z G H A R L

L R H X G Z T R M Z A Z G ;

N Z R X H U F J P H A Z G

L J H A Y L E , A Z G

K Y G H X Z P V Z G Z P J

G R G 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

5. Clue: V = E

Easy · 120 letters

L S F O O S V U V P S V E O

Y L C M T V V Z

Y F N E A F V B : B X T

K L U O X B L U L F S O A V

N A X V K L N S X N O ; B X T

K L U O X B L N A X V O A V

A X T N V K L N S X N O ;

L U Z B X T K L U O X B L

A X T N V O A V T F Z V T

K L N S X N 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

6. Clue: J = A

Medium · 120 letters

N V A N V R O X N C A J O N V

X W J P X G D N V A O J R U ,

J U Q Q O R U P X , J U Q

F J D A X I W O Q O R U P

J F J R U ; N V A D E J U N X

X G M P R U N V A A J O N V ,

J U Q J O A B R N V

M W U X N J U N

Q O R U P R U F I O A X V

J U Q I J R 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. "The poor must be wisely visited and liberally cared for, so that mendicity shall not be tempted into mendacity, nor want exasperated into crime."

— Robert C. Winthrop, 1881, *Yorktown Oration in 1881* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Seamen have a custom, when they meet a whale, to fling him out an empty tub by way of amusement, to divert him from laying violent hands upon the ship."

— Jonathan Swift, 1704, *A Tale of a Tub, Preface* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "It is almost as if the millennium were arrived, when we shall throw our clocks and watches over the housetop, and remember time and seasons no more."

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

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

4. "Exceeding fair she was not; and yet fair in that she never studied to be fairer than Nature made her; beauty cost her nothing, Her virtues were so rare."

— George Chapman, 1605, *All Fools, Act I. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "A little neglect may breed mischief: for want of a nail the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the rider was lost."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1757, *The Way to Wealth* (*Poor Richard*, 1758), *Maxims prefixed to Poor Richard's Almanac*, 1757 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The thirsty earth soaks up the rain, And drinks, and gapes for drink again; The plants suck in the earth, and are with constant drinking fresh and fair."

— Abraham Cowley, 1656, *Poems, From Anacreon, II. Drinking* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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