

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 3

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

Hard · 41 letters

H D Q K Z R Q N I H E E

K Z S N U N J H R C , I K A ,

Q K Z R Q N U Z A Q X V I R

U 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

2. Clue: C = T

Hard · 41 letters

T U C H M V E V M R H J C F N

E F S O J, S V C J E U N V

J U A D E U C Y C D Y S 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

3. Clue: F = T

Hard · 41 letters

K T S F, K B Y Y F T O

Y B L O W F U O F Q T P I F

F P F T O Q U S Q D P C

H P P 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: P = E Medium · 41 letters

UWYVVZQP PB YKH

ABPYE SPVZNWP

WYDPU YWPBBR

IPYUE.

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: K = R

Medium · 41 letters

A D L M N K J S G L M G

E D K Z A L Z U D K

C U K M J , T D S L U S S I N

C U K M 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

6. Clue: J = E

Expert · 41 letters

A G P S B S W O U F P H S B

R N B H C P V J B H F J

G J C J C Z G P W E J Q J P G .

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. "If chance will have me king, why, chance may crown me."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Nature her custom holds, Let shame say what it will."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act IV. Sc. 7 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "What, will the line stretch out to the crack of doom?"

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act IV. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast."

— William Shakespeare, 1594, *The Comedy of Errors*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "I understand a fury in your words, But not the words."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act IV. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear."

— William Shakespeare, 1605, *All's Well that Ends Well*, Act V. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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