

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 4

6 puzzles · Standard 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: L = E

Expert · 41 letters

N L P P W L Q B N N L F R B F L

E O J U L , V Z M E O P W L M T

B M L Z J E M Z J Q .

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: W = I

Expert · 41 letters

P D E I P D R T D W X M W S W S B O

P W A R Z X W L S I W L D W I

X R G R L S R I .

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: T = S

Expert · 41 letters

T Y C O L Z L Z A P O C T P

V L T F B C V T O Z V

G Z M N H O T L Z A T P O C M T .

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 = T

Easy · 41 letters

O I B B I T B N T I I N F K T V

B F F V F F P B N U P U

S M P K B I B F F R U B I .

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: I = T

Hard · 41 letters

I R O W L W C A K Z D T O P A

I R O Z K L F I G L E E P A

I R K F Z E I P B P G 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: W = E

Expert · 42 letters

Q W X M U T W W D W P K T Z X W K ,

O R E N O P W Q W X X F U W K U I S

K Z F A Z R 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

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 wordsOF 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. "Let the galled jade wince, our withers are unwrung."

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

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

2. "Thus the whirligig of time brings in his revenges."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Twelfth Night*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Straining harsh discords and unpleasing sharps."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act III. Sc. 5 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Better three hours too soon than a minute too late."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

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

5. "The baby figure of the giant mass of things to come."

— William Shakespeare, 1602, *Troilus and Cressida*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Welcome ever smiles, And farewell goes out sighing."

— William Shakespeare, 1602, *Troilus and Cressida*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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