

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 7

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 = L

Hard · 43 letters

C M B C I P F N U K D K D Z

N C Y K A R N R B F R ' N N

N U D Z F C M

Q C P U B W R D 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

2. Clue: I = S

Expert · 43 letters

Z M I J A W N X D W I W I

D Z M V A W I I H G D , W Y Y

R Y W B A H D W I Z M I

Q G Y 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

3. Clue: H = T

Expert · 43 letters

B D X Z V T V X H H Z V H

I P D L B H Z J C L V X J

V T O I P D B Z Q E

W Q O J B H K .

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: A = T

Medium · 43 letters

V X K F X W D A U D A V R

L X A A X N I N R O X, L C A

D K F D A Y F N X

Q R A C N R 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: U = N

Hard · 44 letters

Y S W X H C L A U R R X C E

O P R L L Y U D , W U X

" W H R U " L A F G I Y U H B

A S M C W 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

6. Clue: U = E

Hard · 44 letters

N U W U G U J Q L M Z E U

L M C W U J H B R O C

W O L U W O N N C U G U Z

M W Z O V R 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

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. "Out of my lean and low ability I'll lend you something."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Twelfth Night*, Act III. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "His beard was as white as snow, All flaxen was his poll."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act IV. Sc. 5 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Such an act that blurs the grace and blush of modesty."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act III. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "He does it with a better grace, but I do it more natural."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Twelfth Night*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "I had most need of blessing, and "Amen" Stuck in my throat."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act II. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Let every man be master of his time Till seven at night."

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

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