

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 9

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: B = A

Medium · 44 letters

B T D E E U S D B E G

I A D F B W W G S D K B U ,

U A J E F B K G M E D F M L

B T M W D - B .

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: T = A

Medium · 44 letters

G ' E E J T V X

T L L S B T O Q X R M S H E X

L S B X , T O R K T V X T

H M O R M P P T K 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

3. Clue: H = E

Medium · 44 letters

A D K Z L , Y N H K R ; D C X

M A B M K F H A

C D D H Z G H G . A N K P Y H

D C X K X H N V L .

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: G = E

Medium · 45 letters

P G T E C V W X Q J G G B O

R D A Y Y D G , D G Q Y A Y

P R C P R X C V W X

K V X Y W T G 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

5. Clue: L = O

Medium · 45 letters

S L E , D L L W

W C D F J R C L S E Y C R L S

Y V V F R C R F , Y S W

P F Y H R P L S Q L R P !

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: O = S

Medium · 45 letters

O S B S A N C A M P S M

T J C A M O F A M

T J O O X H X W X Z X S O X O

K J J M K X G Z 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 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 apostropheT (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 merry heart goes all the day, Your sad tires in a mile-a."

— William Shakespeare, 1611, *The Winter's Tale*, Act IV. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "I'll make assurance double sure, And take a bond of fate."

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

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

3. "If any, speak; for him have I offended. I pause for a reply."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Julius Caesar*, Act III. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Mend your speech a little, Lest it may mar your fortunes."

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

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

5. "Now, good digestion wait on appetite, And health on both!"

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act III. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Seven hundred pounds and possibilities is good gifts."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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