

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 10

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: E = T

Medium · 45 letters

S ' K K W M E P Q S N V K G

N R M O V P I R M E E C G G P N E C

S O Z R N E X D S O M E G 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

2. Clue: P = E

Hard · 45 letters

U C P D P J N D P T I Q A P H B

Q B Q W G B U I Z H X U P D ,

J D N B U I , R G U V H X S W 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: H = O

Medium · 45 letters

M Y S X W P H K V Y O V H J F W R

H I M R M H R G E Z H A S J J

G H Z O G H E I W H I J 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

4. Clue: F = I

Hard · 45 letters

O W J F D W , B F A ; B G F A W ,

L W K ; V Q G F X I V Q G

B N Q P W J Q P H I W D F K

V Q P F 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: H = A

Expert · 45 letters

J H W E T H U W Y K , P F R U E F A

L H V V H W V C G Y M H P F J

K C H E Q Y U A Y F A T 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

6. Clue: I = E

Hard · 46 letters

Z U I N D Q Q I G Z U K Z

X C F B I X X Z I K B X

X D C I Z U F L A E N D C Z U I

Z U F I E .

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)

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Answer key

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1. "I'll put a girdle round about the earth in forty minutes."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Therefore my age is as a lusty winter, Frosty, but kindly."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "I have bought Golden opinions from all sorts of people."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act I. Sc. 7 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Devise, wit; write, pen; for I am for whole volumes in folio."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *Love's Labour's Lost*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Fair ladies, you drop manna in the way of starved people."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The robbed that smiles steals something from the thief."

— William Shakespeare, 1603, *Othello*

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