

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 12

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: K = H

Hard · 47 letters

G C P N R G H F T E L K K E N

 N C H F E A X K F L C T W E F H

 X K R A E A X K F L Y K C T R H .

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: E = T

Hard · 47 letters

Q O X R P E F A R C I A R P W E

 B P W P R Z W E E W Q

 E A F C E R S , P W A E W W P R

 U K I V R .

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: V = E

Expert · 47 letters

J G C L C L J G V Q C B G J

J G X J V C J G V F H X O V L H V

U F P U F K U V L H V D M C J V .

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: C = S

Hard · 48 letters

C A I D C I P K T A J P V D H R

W A F , C A I D Z D N H C Y A J

G Y D C P N G R D C C A J G H I D .

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 = A

Medium · 48 letters

Y K I Z S K I A I A Q S I H ,

 G I T P P K S U Y P L X H I J P L

 T I V U K I P A Q S I H Y P U I 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

6. Clue: R = E

Hard · 48 letters

H K M Y A X C Y F W R U O F R B

 F C O G R U U R C O A O P R F K

 S O N H F W R F N V R U Z N H H .

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. "You may relish him more in the soldier than in the scholar."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "My ventures are not in one bottom trusted, Nor to one place."

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

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

3. "This is the night that either makes me or fordoes me quite."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Some smack of age in you, some relish of the saltiness of time."

— William Shakespeare, 1598, *King Henry IV, Part II*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "I have had a dream, past the wit of man to say what dream it was."

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

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

6. "Now spurs the lated traveller apace to gain the timely inn."

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

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