

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 13

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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: G = E

Medium · 48 letters

X D O P Y Z W G Y Y Z W

L R Z Y Y L B L G X B T G

X G B N A A U G Q A W

R G Q G Z W C Z G W W 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: U = E

Hard · 48 letters

Z S Y X , Y N N V O

J P U X X O I S E I G U Q A

Y Q R X S U E P R Y V Y X

T Q U M U N N A Z T T J ?

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: G = T

Medium · 48 letters

M G A A V F R G K H

G K J A X G G K H

T M J T Y O T M E H S S A C ,

X B S E O A G H K M O ,

G K Y 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

4. Clue: D = I

Hard · 49 letters

Q X F P F D Y V W Q X D V M

F D Q X F P M W W R W P

H I R , H T Q Q X D V E D V M

N I E F Y D Q Y 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

5. Clue: H = O

Medium · 49 letters

B A N E N J H Y H K V

G R Y N R Z H Y C

T R P L G N W F C V P ,

L H H W C P W R G G

B H L N B A N 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

6. Clue: A = E

Hard · 49 letters

I A H V B D D Z X A D N A

O V T T A U D I N A U P D

B A T C A B , W T K W B A

W V T C A U D V T A 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

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. "My business in this state made me a looker on here in Vienna."

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

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

2. "What, all my pretty chickens and their dam at one fell swoop?"

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

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

3. "I took by the throat the circumcised dog, And smote him, thus."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act V. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *Hamlet*

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

5. "The web of our life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together."

— William Shakespeare, 1605, *All's Well that Ends Well*, Act IV. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "We must take the current when it serves, Or lose our ventures."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Julius Caesar*, Act IV. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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