

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 13

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: 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 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

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