

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 15

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: J = T

Medium · 50 letters

J M X R F L J R, J M X R

F L J R, L A L O U C, J L

Y R C H O R E J M F C

Q L F R D J H D F L J

D M P 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

2. Clue: Y = A

Expert · 50 letters

R E V Y O M K T S C Y B P

D Z P S D W B I F, Y E I

N Y U U Y - O R B F Z E Q,

U Z M C Y X C B T I B Y G .

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: Q = A

Medium · 50 letters

Q

L C V B B - L R B V K V C V J X

D M D , Q J F L W K Y Q

C R J X W D Q L V Q U

X B Q F V Y Q Z D J R C .

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: J = T

Medium · 50 letters

J Q O M Z Y L G W T L J D M

U O J J Q T P O D I T N

M Q Z Y T J Z G W Z M J

N G L P T Y Z O M M T G .

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: V = E

Expert · 50 letters

G R V V J V Y U H O T

O B D V Y L N R P V R V Y D ,

O T P M L I R L I G C P

' R A O F V M L N F F N T 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

6. Clue: F = E

Medium · 50 letters

C P N A N ' Q

O T G F Q Z F G Q ,

Y F A Z W F S F A T O Z B F

Q B N C F , S P A P T A Q T O

Z B F S T T A .

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

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 15

1. "Take note, take note, O world, To be direct and honest is not safe."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Unpack my heart with words, And fall a-cursing, like a very drab."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act II. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "A still-soliciting eye, and such a tongue as I am glad I have not."

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

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

4. "Thus ornament is but the guiled shore to a most dangerous sea."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act III. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Use every man after his desert, and who should 'scape whipping?"

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act II. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Diana's foresters, gentlemen of the shade, minions of the moon."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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