

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 16

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: P = E

Hard · 50 letters

Y G P O T C F W T E Z J V P F T G W

 G Y I Y F P , V J P X J C R J J P

 S Y K P W N T A A C G Z X P S S .

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: A = E

Medium · 51 letters

B C A O A R J Q D D M J R Q G J

 M G E D M K J A J Y C P M G E

 Y C A O A I Q O A R G M S S

 B C R G V 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: L = E

Expert · 51 letters

N Y R X Y E N L H L N , O P S

U T E L Z L Y E N Y L O T G ;

W R A L J E B L N Y O S R X N , N R

S L K O 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

4. Clue: B = E

Easy · 51 letters

K Q E M B C J C Q Q C H K X

G A K X F E ' Q K D B , D E A

F S B X N B C A B V P A B F S B Z

C A B F A P 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

5. Clue: A = E

Medium · 51 letters

Z H H B D A G M C H J ' I Z
I B Z S A , Z Q J Z H H B D A U A Q
Z Q J G M U A Q U A C A H W
Y H Z W A C 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

6. Clue: A = O

Medium · 51 letters

Q L P R W A R P B S H W P F L
B A H G A S H B A L V A Q A R
R Q P R M R C A V M W T L
G A S H V L Y 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. "One fair daughter and no more, The which he loved passing well."

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

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

2. "There is occasions and causes why and wherefore in all things."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *King Henry V*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Show his eyes, and grieve his heart; Come like shadows, so depart!"

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

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

4. "I love a ballad in print o' life, for then we are sure they are true."

— William Shakespeare, 1611, *The Winter's Tale*, Act IV. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *As You Like It*

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

6. "Heat not a furnace for your foe so hot that it do singe yourself."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, II. Act I. Sc. 1* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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