

# Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 17

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: C = O

Medium · 51 letters

I W C L D E B O W C H R C I E G V  
 E B F U D C D E B V C X B C I  
 E G V I C C D , E B G V F X X  
 L G W D 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

2. Clue: J = E

Medium · 51 letters

M J B H J K G R D A K O J Z R M C Z  
 E K G N R K T J K Z R C U X  
 W B J Z J U P J T G N N F T  
 N C X M 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: A = H

Medium · 51 letters

L A C A E V B , L A C A E V B ,

L A C G W M L D A E V B O M B E L

I L A O B S L E G I W S A L E

M X E V 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

4. Clue: U = N

Medium · 51 letters

A O A C C P M

X H Z Z M V N H U I M U Q Q H

X H T T J U I , J U I I H T G

V N A Z A Q A U B B M U Q C 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: J = S

Hard · 52 letters

M R X W N D X G W J G D W M A U X J

G X X E O J S , G J

H L A E D N P - J Y N N Q N U J ,

H R E N S R W O J 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

6. Clue: V = T

Medium · 52 letters

P Z V V Y H U " Y C X B Z H T V "

E X Y V R O T H " Y E T R P C , "

P Y D Z V I Z O T T B Q X V Y '

V I Z X C X U Z .

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. "From the crown of his head to the sole of his foot, he is all mirth."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act III. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Her beauty makes this vault a feasting presence full of light."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act V. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "The horn, the horn, the lusty horn is not a thing to laugh to scorn."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act IV. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "I will be correspondent to command, And do my spiriting gently."

— William Shakespeare, 1611, *The Tempest*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Golden lads and girls all must, As chimney-sweepers, come to dust."

— William Shakespeare, 1610, *Cymbeline*, Act IV. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Letting 'I dare not' wait upon 'I would,' Like the poor cat i' the adage."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act I. Sc. 7 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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