

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 18

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: R = O

Hard · 52 letters

E O Z Q H R G B E N U

B Q N B R L R A B E O

P N L L R F U ? P Z Q I H R G

E N U Z C U R V G B O

" U E Z V 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

2. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 52 letters

I Q U ' W Q D T O

I G U U Q V W O T D Q T U

A V G W W ; K F Q T V

D T V K Y Q W B Q B V T K Q

T U B G K Q 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

3. Clue: K = E

Medium · 52 letters

N Z K B K ' G Z V O K D

I B K D N C D Q ' G

C K C V B E C D E

V M N W H Y K Z H G W H A K

Z D W A D E K D 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: S = E

Medium · 53 letters

P K S N F C V ' J P K S

P K G B Z A K S D S G B

G ' F F M C P M K P K S

M Q B J M G S B M S Q R P K S

Y G B 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

5. Clue: N = T

Medium · 53 letters

F X A Z S N S Z U E

Q F N N E F Z A E O M U I ,

D B N N T M G X B O M

N T X N Q F N F O F Z

S N T M K A M 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

6. Clue: T = A

Hard · 53 letters

S T H H F G B A O T A

L T S Q E P W G D F G B K

D K E M P Y U ? T C H T W B M

B C G P U B S O

L T S Q E P 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

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. "Hear you this Triton of the minnows? Mark you his absolute "shall"?"

— William Shakespeare, 1608, *Coriolanus*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Men's evil manners live in brass; their virtues we write in water."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, II. Act IV. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "There's hope a great man's memory may outlive his life half a year."

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

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

4. "The play's the thing Wherein I'll catch the conscience of the king."

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

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

5. "I am not only witty in myself, but the cause that wit is in other men."

— William Shakespeare, 1598, *King Henry IV, Part II, Act I. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Call you that backing of your friends? A plague upon such backing!"

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I, Act II. Sc. 4* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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