

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 19

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: F = H

Medium · 53 letters

S F O X O ' Q P I T C T M T S N

S F P S Q F P L O Q U E X O M I Q ,

X U E W F - F O D S F O H F U D D O

D T K K .

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: B = T

Easy · 53 letters

X G T J X E S H A S B X E Y E

J A S H A Y B ' J B G G B X C B C J

B G X E R A E B X E Y L I A J J

N X C I 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

3. Clue: B = E

Expert · 53 letters

T O X B P X B T F P D S G B

L A D B F D O Z B X Q G B P M X

A L G D I O F X D G P F V B

B G S W D O L F X .

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: X = E

Medium · 53 letters

H J K U V W K X Z Z D ; Y G W H

F V Y X O G H R X W C X W C H U O

H J K , Y D N X X K H U O

V W C X Z Q H N X .

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

Medium · 54 letters

D B V D T V D W L R V D E E
V D P O G E I F U J S U O U V H, D
H O U E E D S F M A U V O
T L S H T U V S T 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: H = O

Easy · 54 letters

T H H C T H Q W H K C P Q, T H H C
T H Q W H K C P Q; O U P S ' F F
T R F F X W R O X M K P F F X M
J P O O P Q.

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. "There's a divinity that shapes our ends, Rough-hew them how we will."

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

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

2. "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!"

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *King Lear*, Act I. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Diseased Nature oftentimes breaks forth in strange eruptions."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "I am not merry; but I do beguile the thing I am, by seeming otherwise."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "A peace above all earthly dignities, A still and quiet conscience."

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

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

6. "Food for powder, food for powder; they'll fill a pit as well as better."

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

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