

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 20

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: B = T

Hard · 54 letters

K X , P C A B J C B P C A ,

C K I B J W F B J C B

O W M W O C B A F

C G V T W T H W Z S X K V L

B J W P H X U 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: E = A

Medium · 54 letters

A B T Q B E M T Z T T J E A

E O X T E A C T E V A L C

F E J O G E O T V, E J K

V A L F T J A B T

V S X E U 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: I = E

Medium · 54 letters

L S X Z I W I I F K S I

Y X T Q D V J Q F U

K S J Q R U S K S I

O L K K O I S Q O I Q D

Y L W E J I K L Q F .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 54 letters

M R G R U U N F J

H R K S F N J X O B V G L

V R N F J X ' O F B K O J ,

R Y H R U U N F J

C X B N F J X O N B 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: M = T

Medium · 54 letters

M Y K O K K D B W L M N I M Y

J Y B S Y S I W W B W L

M B D K O Z I M F W M F

K W M N V Z M Y K

J B O K O M .

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: C = T

Easy · 54 letters

C B E J N E Q Q Q Y J C

K Z C Y H E S B C E H

M Z J J E Y, N B V H

H E S B C J Y M V

Q K H S V J C C B V M 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

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. "No, I am that I am, and they that level at my abuses reckon up their own."

— William Shakespeare, 1609, *Sonnets, CXXI* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "They have been at a great feast of languages, and stolen the scraps."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *Love's Labour's Lost, Act V. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "I have seen the day of wrong through the little hole of discretion."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *Love's Labour's Lost, Act V. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "I am all the daughters of my father's house, And all the brothers too."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Twelfth Night, Act II. Sc. 4* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "The seeming truth which cunning times put on to entrap the wisest."

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

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

6. "This will last out a night in Russia, When nights are longest there."

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

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