

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 21

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: B = H

Hard · 54 letters

U A V F X B S K U A V F V S R ,

K L V F S T Q K B F B A G Z

Z G T W K B Z A G E B K B F

Z A G E B F W K Q S 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

2. Clue: N = E

Expert · 55 letters

O P J N V Z N F T E F

W U N E W H I J K N J J : P F

H U P Y T F O F T N P O J N H U B L

T N U X U B X U P N F D .

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: M = A

Medium · 55 letters

E J M X M X M N U O H E M B J D
 U O E J D O C S Q W J Q B Z M O R
 M B N D R E J S E M B U O X J D
 Z M B N D 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: B = O

Medium · 55 letters

L ' C C S M G V E A M O G L V A B
 X L P O G I B Z H K , Y M L C O
 U B Z J O V N B V E U B Z V
 G H A L S V B Z H 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

5. Clue: E = T

Medium · 56 letters

U L E U T E O T R E V I W R L J ,

I L T R V , T R B N W R E L R E G V

O G E U W A E E U X L L Y W W B

H X G L R B 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: V = A

Easy · 56 letters

W F R V Z V L V E , U V O F W H L

M Y Q V J J H E V J J , H

Z W V J J E Y U J Y Y O K G Y E

W H Z J H O F V X V H 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

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. "Come what come may, Time and the hour runs through the roughest day."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Silence that dreadful bell: it frights the isle from her propriety."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "What a taking was he in when your husband asked who was in the basket!"

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "I'll charm the air to give a sound, While you perform your antic round."

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

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

5. "He that wants money, means, and content is without three good friends."

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

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

6. "He was a man, take him for all in all, I shall not look upon his like again."

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

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