

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 24

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: G = E

Medium · 58 letters

V Y U E I D N U V Y H M V

J R R X G B G W Z D Y H M R W

P G N U V Y H M V

X G I J X W ; N Y J V ' D

W H E G U D W H E 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

2. Clue: J = O

Medium · 58 letters

L J B B J D T C G E G A N U

S Y J D K U L C

I D X T J L E K J I K N U

I J X U L U V X N J I

M U X X N L E X J D L C .

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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3. Clue: U = E

Expert · 58 letters

K T C U Z Q F T M J L

W D R U K K D D S U Z Y L

E V M J U V B M Z K, Y T J

W D R C U J U S W L F M H U K

F D S N 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

4. Clue: Q = O

Medium · 58 letters

M W Z U Q Q A I Q M W

M W T X L W Z T K D T K Z ,

C H M M W Z D T K Z B V X

L X Q D K W T B K Z A U M Q

C Z V U Q Q A .

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: O = E

Hard · 58 letters

X Y O J O O C Q I E F K Y X

F W V P O C X H C Q E Q H P

X S Z A , S E J E S X H P O

N H W X Q L O U

E O V O W W F X U .

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: P = I

Expert · 58 letters

Q P E C V R U , H P U C

U C P E Z L K X V J C R K O

M X P U , Q R A U C P E

Q R R K T D Y T L R V ,

U C P E R I P V P R 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. "Things without all remedy should be without regard; what's done is done."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act III. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Now would I give a thousand furlongs of sea for an acre of barren ground."

— William Shakespeare, 1611, *The Tempest*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Superfluity comes sooner by white hairs, but competency lives longer."

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

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

4. "The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *As You Like It*

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

5. "The deep of night is crept upon our talk, And nature must obey necessity."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Julius Caesar*, Act IV. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Fish not, with this melancholy bait, For this fool gudgeon, this opinion."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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