

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 25

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: Z = E

Hard · 59 letters

E O Z F X B S L , Y J X Y Y K A F ,

 X A S P Z R T P D Z Q B J S X L K D

 U P Z G E K A E T E O Z Y T D T R

 T Q E O Z D Z 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

2. Clue: P = E

Hard · 59 letters

H G T P G V Q V O P N G R Y V Q V

 Q O F G D P - O R H N O Q H P

 U P J G S E O Z P N Y H H P Q M

 R T Q N M R F V X A Q S .

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 = T

Medium · 59 letters

K Y F K R H F R P I W K I D

G I R T K : I X W L P F U P O R K F ,

K Y V K F Q F L R A V P C I L T

K I P F K R K L R J Y 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

4. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 59 letters

Y N J I U N Z T B K J Y

E O F Q K Z Y Z M Q T K G W T E N ,

C Q Y N T M Q Z E J B Q Y N Z K U

Z K B Q G T K U Q W J I 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

5. Clue: C = S

Easy · 59 letters

S V U H P U F V G P F V U O
A Q P F J C V S K K S O N C S V U H
W J I Q Q D Q A C Q O N C U O H
C Q O O G F C V G P 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

6. Clue: U = E

Medium · 59 letters

S C A I U G O L H I U Q U I R F T
T N R B Z L U S G N Z R H F
S C A I U ; R F T C U Z G I R C C
Z A Y U T H Z R Z H A F .

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. "The gaudy, blabbing, and remorseful day is crept into the bosom of the sea."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, Part II. Act IV. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Life is as tedious as a twice-told tale Vexing the dull ear of a drowsy man."

— William Shakespeare, 1596, *King John, Act III. Sc. 4* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "The time is out of joint: O cursed spite, That ever I was born to set it right!"

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet, Act I. Sc. 5* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Though I am not splenitive and rash, Yet have I something in me dangerous."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet, Act V. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "I had rather than forty shillings I had my Book of Songs and Sonnets here."

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

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

6. "Close up his eyes and draw the curtain close; And let us all to meditation."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, Part II. Act III. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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