

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 27

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: G = O

Medium · 60 letters

G , K L Z O R N X T Z F N T G !

K L Z O R N X R Z D T G ! K L Z O

R N X T Z H W D T G , X G O

C X G K H X U K L Z O O L N D T 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: H = T

Medium · 60 letters

J V L M E H L B I A H H L E , J E K

J E Z T F N H H Z R M H H R N

H M E Z Y M D Y G U J O G , H N R R

O M R R M J I D L L Y .

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 = E

Expert · 60 letters

I H Q W B S S O M

O Y D C M S Y M A M Z ,

W Q G - G V Z H B G J H L , B F J

D N Y G Q N H F O I P M R Y D V

L B C M Z J Y F 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

4. Clue: X = A

Hard · 61 letters

N X I T R X R V X Q B I B X M I U

Z V M Z X M B L A I B Z L R X R

Q X B G R Z V N E B M N P P L G Z

Z V W Y W W U - G Z A 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

5. Clue: B = E

Medium · 61 letters

N J V G B Y W C K Y I Y B U B M
 I V I , Y T M Y B U B M G J K C C ,
 C V B K N N J B F M T R I P T T N
 T P K Q T Y S R B M T 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: W = O

Hard · 61 letters

W A , M A T Y T H J T C W L
 K X W I S C W W P K
 V J T O Y N L O C N S Y A J
 X W S Y J Z E Y T S H T S B J I W L
 A N K C N 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
Common word endings	-ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST
After an apostrophe	T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D (I'd)

Answer key

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1. "O, what men dare do! what men may do! what men daily do, not knowing what they do!"

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act IV. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "A joint of mutton, and any pretty little tiny kickshaws, tell William cook."

— William Shakespeare, 1598, *King Henry IV, Part II*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "You call me misbeliever, cut-throat dog, And spit upon my Jewish gaberdine."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Talks as familiarly of roaring lions as maids of thirteen do of puppy-dogs!"

— William Shakespeare, 1596, *King John*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "This England never did, nor never shall, Lie at the proud foot of a conqueror."

— William Shakespeare, 1596, *King John*, Act V. Sc. 7 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Oh, what a deal of scorn looks beautiful in the contempt and anger of his lip!"

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

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