

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 28

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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: T = E

Hard · 61 letters

D L J Q I N Z X T

B F V I G T U L K Q F B

J T T E , N B I V A L T F

K Q F B G Q U L A , B U Z B

V Q Q Z S T P L K Q F

T C T 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

2. Clue: G = L

Medium · 61 letters

T N Z Z H G K , T N Z Z H G K

O W J G G H G H B N C X S ,

M C Y N Z D W N U G X O O X T

D W J D W J C A O X C D W N

U X M A W .

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: L = E

Medium · 61 letters

V P M C H M I M Q F A L B L

F A U F F A L T L Q M T L

M H R G U T L T L Z O F L P

I V B L Q M T B U G V H S

H M F A V H 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

4. Clue: M = T

Hard · 61 letters

X Y M C G N F I M G L X F L I

F A M C X I P Z J , T C X B C

M C G L O P G

U O W M X M O P G B Z W W

M C G Z A M G L Y F F 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

5. Clue: O = E

Expert · 61 letters

M N S P K Z H Y X M G M N O

E G D O W P G K M N O

W Z X B N Z L O D O

I Z H R N O B G X

D Y M N G S M

Y I J O B Y I O X 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 = N

Medium · 62 letters

H W H A A H W M M A H U M L A

H O H W R U O U W M V F

E W U G F A O H X D L A X P ,

L A U W J A H W Q F , L A

U W F W Y X H W P !

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. "It would be argument for a week, laughter for a month, and a good jest for ever."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I, Act II. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Merrily, merrily shall I live now, Under the blossom that hangs on the bough."

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

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

3. "I do know of these that therefore only are reputed wise for saying nothing."

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

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

4. "In the posteriors of this day, which the rude multitude call the afternoon."

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

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

5. "Thus far into the bowels of the land have we marched on without impediment."

— William Shakespeare, 1593, *King Richard III, Act V. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "An arrant traitor as any is in the universal world, or in France, or in England!"

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *King Henry V, Act IV. Sc. 8* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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