

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 29

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: N = O

Hard · 62 letters

O G P E E H A R X R P B

U R B R Y E P X O D Q

A N E O L P X V, H N

V Y N B H U N Z E L T R P V

H R L O N Z V P V H N

U N B 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

2. Clue: A = T

Hard · 62 letters

A G F X Z D F Z B B T O Y

A G Z A B V D I F T A L T A G

A P P H V O G , Z B A G F X

A G Z A B A Z D C F L T A G

S P A G T S Q .

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: V = A

Easy · 63 letters

L U V O ' J F W V W V H T ?

O U V O L U F Q U L T

Q V B B V C N J T Y I V W I

N O U T C W V H T L N M B P

J H T B B V J J L T T O .

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: C = I

Medium · 63 letters

D K Y U Y C F

F P V Y D K C L E C L D K C F

V P U Y D K B L

L B D X U B O , C W

M K C O P F P M K N R P X O H

W C L H C D P X 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

5. Clue: I = E

Medium · 63 letters

B J I M I D M I D U P M B

P Z N I C L J P U I

X V U D T I U K P H M I D N

D C K N D C B Q I Q V G I D

U B D C K V C T F P C 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

6. Clue: G = E

Medium · 63 letters

L F Y Y B Y H B X L C ,
I W K ; P G A W H H O G
Q L H Z W C F : L I Q P G R
I L R , A P G C Q P G L F G
W I W C Q P G A W Q W I
Y E Q .

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

Answer key

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1. "If all the year were playing holidays, To sport would be as tedious as to work."

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

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

2. "They are as sick that surfeit with too much, as they that starve with nothing."

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

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

3. "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet, Act II. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "There is something in this more than natural, if philosophy could find it out."

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

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

5. "There are a sort of men whose visages do cream and mantle like a standing pond."

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

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

6. "A good old man, sir; he will be talking: as they say, When the age is in the wit is out."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act III. Sc. 5 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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