

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 30

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: O = E

Medium · 63 letters

B Q R G O K H ' X G O O Q K X G :

Q U M T K P C G O K T Q H K Q U M

J U Y P B B J X O M T B O I G C Q R

N H P B O X I I Y K H 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

2. Clue: G = E

Medium · 63 letters

S Y T G W T G T S G T A G L W K G

I L Z J H M B S G T A G L W K G

W A A V Y W H X G W L G

L G V Y G Q G S , Z L H Z K W K

W V 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

3. Clue: I = E

Hard · 63 letters

O E I C B M Q - Q M A J D E M Q D

O E I J U O N R O M F I R I U A ,

U R L ' C N R D O M G U B I E N D

K R I V V I P O K U B V N A I .

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: D = T

Medium · 64 letters

E K , N Z Y C P W X M E K P D E E

N Z K S Z F O O H C P W E Z D N ,

X D Q S T D E U K O Z F C D Z P S

P E D U K O Z F I T D K E D N .

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

Expert · 64 letters

J S Z W Z Q C V D H Q L Z C D

C Q A G K Z X E J R C C E A Z C

C D A Z A R W Y D N H Q W J E Z

Q V S Q C D E J M R W U G R W J C .

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: K = E

Hard · 64 letters

A O K X O L X Q L A K J K Y

E L B Y L C S C K J K Y G Y W I S ,

O L S X W C H I K L X Q B V V ,

L C S T K X Q L A C K J K Y

V W I 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

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 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. "Lay her i' the earth: And from her fair and unpolluted flesh may violets spring!"

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

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

2. "Diseases desperate grown by desperate appliance are relieved, Or not at all."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act IV. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "The glow-worm shows the matin to be near, And 'gins to pale his uneffectual fire."

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

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

4. "Or, having sworn too hard a keeping oath, Study to break it and not break my troth."

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

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

5. "There is no vice so simple but assumes some mark of virtue in his outward parts."

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

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

6. "She that was ever fair and never proud, Had tongue at will, and yet was never loud."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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