

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 31

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: M = T

Medium · 64 letters

M J F N A T I Q F Q L , R F E U

M J U N G F I F M T V D K T C M J

M J D M A U D Q N M T S U T V

Q T M U , S U L F Q N S U M F A U 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

2. Clue: D = E

Medium · 64 letters

H B D U P M F V C U D S D N U T V M

S D U S M T V I M M J , T B D

K M M L T C A M U V B D S H Y V B

N V B F D N V D U Y U I D Q 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

3. Clue: N = E

Hard · 64 letters

D V T N R X H K N R H Q G H W X B ,

X B N M X B V K D M Z D U O N C

U W N , H W O U Z X U V K

S N G N D R V K X B N

O U W O U K N 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

4. Clue: U = E

Medium · 64 letters

M U D U N L X U T Q Y Q V D L H

C U D P T I D Q B W U G U Q T I T ,

J M V N M V B Q A A I L B W R U T

Q D U N Q A A U Z H L L A T .

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: S = A

Medium · 64 letters

Y A ' J J P S W A S L Y S L P H K F

S K X S B S U V H S J

D N V L H X A , S L B S K O

D V P A U B S K K H L P

Q D Y S U X L P S W A .

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: T = O

Hard · 64 letters

T , A T D W I X T P W ! Y P I T D N

K O V G - E N D D J R T X I K T G

Y X N O Q I T I K F W

F D I T V N X O Y V N Q N O V T G

W O M B !

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. "This morning, like the spirit of a youth that means to be of note, begins betimes."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Antony and Cleopatra*, Act IV. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "When Fortune means to men most good, She looks upon them with a threatening eye."

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

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

3. "Like stones of worth, they thinly placed are, Or captain jewels in the carcanet."

— William Shakespeare, 1609, *Sonnets*, LII (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Here comes a pair of very strange beasts, which in all tongues are called fools."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act V. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "We'll have a swashing and a martial outside, As many other mannish cowards have."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "O, monstrous! but one half-pennyworth of bread to this intolerable deal of sack!"

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I*, Act II. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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