

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 34

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: T = H

Medium · 66 letters

H R U K K U K H N ' Z X P Y ,

J T P W Y T T K T G X I R J H K ,

Z T P W C X T G F K Z J P P X

J T G J U R Y T J G Y G R U Z J H N

L R V 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

2. Clue: Z = T

Hard · 66 letters

Z E C Z W P Z S M L W H Z C I V ,

 L M S L U U G U W C I C Q P H M Z C

 Z S H M E H I I O D Q L A Z C J

 Z S H O B U H W O L I Z S H B H .

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 = A

Hard · 66 letters

H Q M Z P L N J B X L C H F M

 B M L X D L S M W B U D L R H H K ;

 X B M W M O H Q Z D L Z W B U D ;

 L Q Z L X B U P Z Z P H V Q W

 B U 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

4. Clue: B = E

Medium · 67 letters

Z D H E I N Z D X B M B L F

T D H F Y B L H K T S N K V X T

M L N E R, N ' I R B K X T K B M

Z D X X L M I X B M K R N M T D H F

P L Z 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

5. Clue: I = N

Easy · 68 letters

P D K V V O X Q I R V M L, K I R

O I K X M I R A K I ' P N Q C,

L O J D X K J Q R X B Q K J D K I R

L D O P W Q B O I S

D T A X V Q I Q P 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

6. Clue: L = A

Easy · 68 letters

G M I S L T B G L B Y P B B Y O

V L W H Y O B G T M I U G P U

E O L J U ! U M U G P W O U L

R M M H H O O H P W L

W L K R G B Q I M T Y H .

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. "Mine enemy's dog, Though he had bit me, should have stood that night against my fire."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *King Lear*, Act IV. Sc. 7 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Two truths are told, As happy prologues to the swelling act of the imperial theme."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "One draught above heat makes him a fool; the second mads him; and a third drowns him."

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

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

4. "Could I come near your beauty with my nails, I'd set my ten commandments in your face."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, Part II. Act I. Sc. 3* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Shall I bend low, and in a bondman's key, With bated breath and whispering humbleness."

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

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

6. "How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

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

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