

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 36

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: D = I

Medium · 69 letters

D W E A B M L H I A A T D H J A

J Q K V K K X V A W J D N K, L H X

V L E S Q D M Q Z Y L D H S D I I

Z Y A S L H X S Q D M Q S D I I

H A J .

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: B = R

Medium · 69 letters

B D N W W K U L V S X A T L R R V

R D Z L Y J D V L B, V D B, D U Y

C K K B W K P V L; Y V X K P B

C L Y B R D U X K P B I K P R

K X V S L 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

3. Clue: C = E

Medium · 69 letters

D E V C A C C Q H W B H I E K D W

B J C P C V M Y N L F E J ' H

C M C, E J L I W C V C D E V C

N Y L U C H, H N C C Q I B N N

J C P C V N B 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

4. Clue: O = E

Medium · 69 letters

U N O V O F C T O X W U U N V O O

E W W H S O X I X N J X E O H C X

O X E F J X H ; J X H W X O W A

U N O S C M A J U J X H E V W Z M

W F 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

5. Clue: A = E

Medium · 70 letters

U M V A O E A S M E B Y E A O P ,

U M V A O L I W A Q A

Y E A O P B A U U , O B H U M V A

I O Q A Y E A O P B A U U

P I E K U P K T M B P I A 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

6. Clue: G = E

Hard · 70 letters

R Q S Z W B D B M G L Z V U

O M L G D P G E Q W G O J G M W

B G Z O J D ; O J G K Z N M Z V O

V G K G W O Z D O G Q E B G Z O J

P A O Q V R G .

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. "If you can look into the seeds of time, And say which grain will grow and which will not."

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

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

2. "Rich honesty dwells like a miser, sir, in a poor house; as your pearl in your foul oyster."

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

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

3. "Care keeps his watch in every old man's eye, And where care lodges, sleep will never lie."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "There live not three good men unhanged in England; and one of them is fat and grows old."

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

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

5. "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Twelfth Night*

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

6. "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Julius Caesar*

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