

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 37

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: E = T

Hard · 70 letters

A M U V E ' K B Q A N D G K

Q F G L R F A E X R E , Q A N

P X B R A N N Q C K E Q A N K

E M H E X G X A E V G

O M K E C

O X R A E Q M A - E X H 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: V = I

Medium · 70 letters

V G V M X D X Q U

Y X J V Z N U Q U Q S V T R ,

V B Z N P J G V T J V Y V T

W C F X Q D Y Y Z

H X U Y Z M V Y Q P P Z G

C Z N D M Z D U F V 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

3. Clue: F = A

Medium · 70 letters

S M O V F S F G N Z I I

G F S, D R F D ' G F

C F I A F L D J I Z F D R F D

K F Y Z Z F D R A G

H Y Z F B J F G D M L D R Z

I A X M J F I A M L.

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: I = E

Medium · 70 letters

R S Z I M G I S R N A I

D I H J I G N I R N

A I H K Z U B J Y B E : S

P I H I T O N Z S N N Z I

A K D D E , S J S G B O Z U

R K E A B P V O G 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

5. Clue: J = S

Medium · 70 letters

Y S T J K G H N O - J T N N X

J S B E F G S H N O J '

X S E M B N J Z I E K M Y X ,

G K D N J S W X N J X

Q B J K U X S

C X X N E F K E M N C O 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

6. Clue: C = I

Easy · 70 letters

N D N R F E C E S C E

K F D C E S U R C K F

S B B Q N F E , C K Z B

U F X R D B O

O E Q R H K Z F E Q N R

Z U F Z U R C K

K O V V C Y C R E 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

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. "Night's candles are burnt out, and jocund day stands tiptoe on the misty mountain-tops."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act III. Sc. 5 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "If I were as tedious as a king, I could find it in my heart to bestow it all of your worship."

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

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

3. "You may as well say, that's a valiant flea that dare eat his breakfast on the lip of a lion."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *King Henry V*, Act III. Sc. 7 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Silence is the perfectest herald of joy: I were but little happy, if I could say how much."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "How silver-sweet sound lovers' tongues by night, Like softest music to attending ears!"

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

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

6. "My meaning in saying he is a good man, is to have you understand me that he is sufficient."

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

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