

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 38

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: J = T

Hard · 71 letters

U O A B U O H J Q P A D

J A P M J U A Q , P X B

Y P S D O Q I U Q D J N D

C U U B F D U V J Y M C N J

F M X , H G V D P A M X C J U

P J J D Y T 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: J = T

Medium · 71 letters

F S R V T O J J G V M O T J ,

O Y U X K J G O M K J J M V

D K Y N S P V T J G P S Z I G

G K T F O T J M V X O M M -

O Y U H O P V X V M M

Q K Y 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

3. Clue: B = O

Expert · 72 letters

Q X F D L E N Y I P Y K O

B V S X F D T S Q Z ,

Z B S L F D Y K O R Y I P L M

F D Y Z R U X I B S L Z .

B E L K , H B I P Z ,

R D B L J L N P K B I P 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

4. Clue: C = E

Easy · 72 letters

Y , J K G E

D C H W C M J Y D H

B Q V W A W T C D A E , R W W

A C A Y M R J C A J Q

M W Q E C D C E E R D A J K C

S C J J C V Y D H Q L F T

F Y D 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: W = E

Hard · 73 letters

M I V A T V Z W G F E T U B W

Z C W P Q X I F O V O G

F C X P S G E I V B W W K ,

F C W E T U B W X G

K X S P X M X W K H D F C W

K V W I ' G K W W 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

6. Clue: E = I

Medium · 73 letters

F G E H E H F G T U T V A

I L E W S Y T L Z A L N V

C V S E W : F G E H

C L X E K T H H

I V T S F E L W T I H F S H A

E H U T V A I N W W E W Y

E W .

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. "Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Measure for Measure*

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

2. "Comes at the last, and with a little pin Bores through his castle wall - and farewell king!"

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *King Richard II, Act III. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "By the pricking of my thumbs, Something wicked this way comes. Open, locks, Whoever knocks!"

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Macbeth, Act IV. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "I, thus neglecting worldly ends, all dedicated to closeness and the bettering of my mind."

— William Shakespeare, 1611, *The Tempest, Act I. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "From lowest place when virtuous things proceed, The place is dignified by the doer's deed."

— William Shakespeare, 1605, *All's Well that Ends Well, Act II. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "This is the very coinage of your brain: This bodiless creation ecstasy is very cunning in."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act III. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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