

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 39

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: V = E

Medium · 73 letters

O T G , M V F B C V B

Z M T F X V N T X F N

P B D M V G ' O M Y A O V ,

B X C D M V E G T Z L O

B G V B R T K V B D D M T O

C B N D Y D V O D T P N T 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

2. Clue: T = E

Easy · 73 letters

D S T Y X L Z Y T T Z ,

Q Z Y R U L X C G H T ,

Q Z F Q Y Q G H T , C Y C

Z D Y T D Z C P C Z ' Y

I C R T , D U C

B T C X O T U R D R A D Z C

Y X T T M H 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

3. Clue: Y = E

Medium · 73 letters

I M A A D D T D S B L M F Y

Z D Z I Y

B Y G Y B E Y B M Z Y

I C A A P, M L N F M V Y

Z I Y E M E E A C L J

J D P P C W D U Z I Y M C B

Q B T D S 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: V = E

Medium · 74 letters

N K W M V S D X U V S F P

Z F W W M V Z W M V

A V W W V L X Z T R V L ,

S F P D X S T X S W M V S

X L V Z F W W M V D V Z

S F P W F F U W M V D K F 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

5. Clue: B = T

Hard · 74 letters

B Q E A X G W D I T B Q G

L C C D A X P B Q B Q G

B P V G , I R F B Q G

A W P N P B A C L B Q G

X P A G A P B P R B Q G

H D C E F A I R F V C H O

E 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: O = E

Expert · 74 letters

J P G O O G O B U C R F

M Q P F O O R B, K I M W O V

M Q U G H P X O; M R Z O

O R X Q C R F ' N

X O F N I B O, K I M

B O N O B G O M Q U

S I Y J C O F M .

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. "Sir, he made a chimney in my father's house, and the bricks are alive at this day to testify it."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, Part II. Act IV. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "O jest unseen, inscrutable, invisible, As a nose on a man's face, or a weathercock on a steeple."

— William Shakespeare, 1591, *The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Act II. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Halloo your name to the reverberate hills, And make the babbling gossip of the air Cry out."

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

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

4. "If they make you not then the better answer, you may say they are not the men you took them for."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing, Act III. Sc. 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Thus we play the fools with the time, and the spirits of the wise sit in the clouds and mock us."

— William Shakespeare, 1598, *King Henry IV, Part II, Act II. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice; take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *Hamlet*

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