

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 42

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: X = H

Easy · 85 letters

D Q Q , X K P D X Q B Q Y V D

X Q O R X Q Q G C U K V

X Q O X Y V L ! K J X Y J Z

P Q O Q Y M B K I Q C U K V

J X Y J X Y V L , J X Y J Z

E Z M X J J K C R X J X Y J

R X Q Q 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

2. Clue: G = E

Easy · 85 letters

U M X Z F X B O G S C Z Y G

G I F L B G U E N Z Y G

B X T G, Z Y U Z C B S I U

O Y G T C Z Y G

F B G M L S X O N L U N G I

O Z S T G, U E N F X Z L Z

L E Y L O F S M W G 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

3. Clue: C = E

Medium · 88 letters

D L C B I C E O I M J H U

O J G E F V C R D L B D

D L C D J C J Q D L C

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

U C B M D L C L C C Y J Q

D L C F J A M D E C M, L C

I B Y Y O L E O V E Z 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: P = E

Easy · 89 letters

D Y P U F N U , E P F D A P H

N M P A K J V I P I K J D

K S S N J V D F , N H I ,

S K M D Y P A K F D ,

E P Z K A P A J Z Y A K M P

D Y P E P D D P M S K M

E P G H T N V G D D V P

E N 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

5. Clue: P = E

Easy · 91 letters

G Y J P K P Q A R R S

F R B M Y Z B Z B L J N F V

K Z E P H Y M M P Q J R

X Y Z Q E D A R N B C ? R ,

M V Y M C P F P Z M

J V R N E C C G P E E Z B

J N F V Y L R Q L P R N J

T Y E Y F 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: N = O

Easy · 91 letters

N , Q N G E Y P T D K ,

Q N G E Y P T D K , V G E

F N R L Q N G E Y P T D K

Q N G E Y P T D K ! V G E

S Y L V U V A G

Q N G E Y P T D K , V G E

V T L Y P L J V L N D L N T

V K K J N N B A G U .

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. "See, how she leans her cheek upon her hand! O that I were a glove upon that hand,
That I might touch that cheek!"
— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=B B=L C=U D=S E=M F=J G=K H=Y I=V J=T K=O L=D M=G N=Q O=R P=W Q=E R=C S=X T=F
U=P V=N W=Z X=H Y=A Z=I
2. "A cutpurse of the empire and the rule, That from a shelf the precious diadem stole,
And put it in his pocket!"
— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act III. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=W B=R C=F D=J E=N F=P G=E H=Y I=M J=V K=G L=I M=C N=D O=S P=Z Q=X R=B S=O T=L
U=A V=Q W=K X=U Y=H Z=T
3. "The age is grown so picked that the toe of the peasant comes so near the heel of the
courtier, he galls his kibe."
— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=U B=A C=E D=T E=I F=C G=P H=W I=G J=O K=X L=H M=R N=J O=S P=M Q=F R=D S=V T=Z
U=N V=K W=Y X=Q Y=L Z=B
4. "They say, best men are moulded out of faults, And, for the most, become much more
the better for being a little bad."
— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Measure for Measure*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=M B=W C=X D=T E=B F=S G=I H=N I=D J=U K=O L=Q M=R N=A O=P P=E Q=V R=K S=F T=G
U=Y V=L W=Z X=J Y=H Z=C
5. "Was ever book containing such vile matter so fairly bound? O, that deceit should
dwell in such a gorgeous palace!"
— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act III. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=B B=N C=D D=Y E=L F=C G=W H=M I=Q J=S K=V L=G M=T N=U O=Z P=E Q=R R=O S=K T=P
U=J V=H W=X X=F Y=A Z=I

6. "O, wonderful, wonderful, and most wonderful wonderful! and yet again wonderful, and after that out of all hooping."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act III. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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