

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 43

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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: P = A

Easy · 91 letters

P S D J U E D Q P J ,

J Y V B D , U I P U E Z O D B

U Z I D P V I T Q B D E W

U P E C , P J L A T E E

B F D P C Q Z V D T J P

Q T J Y U D U I P J I D

A T E E B U P J L U Z T J P

Q Z J U 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

2. Clue: T = E

Medium · 92 letters

M Q B O X N P P I T

J L N Z T X M P I Q Z

T M M T J P, X D D L P I T D

Z L F, P I T J L N Z T X M

P I Q Z O T M T J P, M X D

P I Q Z T M M T J P

O T M T J P Q G T J X K T Z

A F J L N Z 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: J = T

Medium · 93 letters

A P J I P S U J J U J T P

I R D D X R F P U C J D B P

I X S Z Q R Z I X J

X I K P Z X I P S J Q : A U W P

X Q S U J A U W P E T X N T

R A J P D Q E T P S X J

R A J P D R J X U S C X S Z Q .

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: G = E

Hard · 93 letters

V R G G Q M G W V C O W U

C O T N B K G B D V R G

D C Y N K V C V G, V R G

S X C K K B D D C K R Y B O

C O T V R G J B E X T B D

D B N J, V R G

B P K G N H G T B D C X X

B P K G N H G N 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

5. Clue: W = E

Easy · 94 letters

M A I V E S K S H W ,

B R T A W M , M A I V E S

K S H W , K W E C W H W

T W U W A G W H M W G W H , -

S E W J S S F A E M W R

R E T S E W S E M V S H W ,

F S S E W F V A E I

U S E M F R E F E W G W 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

6. Clue: D = E

Medium · 95 letters

Z C M L J L B D W D P E

D P E G P E M L H S L B

B Q P M B D W D T L L J M L

J L , O Q P A D R E Q P J

I D D S O Q K W O Q D E ,

P S J A L L W X D S ' E

O L M M P T D E A W Z S O D E '

A P R P O D E .

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. "A gentleman, nurse, that loves to hear himself talk, and will speak more in a minute than he will stand to in a month."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Find out the cause of this effect, Or rather say, the cause of this defect, For this effect defective comes by cause."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act II. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Let me not to the marriage of true minds Admit impediments: love is not love which alters when it alteration finds."

— William Shakespeare, 1609, *Sonnets*, CXVI (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The expectancy and rose of the fair state, The glass of fashion and the mould of form, The observed of all observers!"

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more, Men were deceivers ever, - One foot in sea and one on shore, To one thing constant never."

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

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

6. "If to do were as easy as to know what were good to do, chapels had been churches,
and poor men's cottages princes' palaces."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*,
9th ed., 1891)

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