

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 44

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: D = E

Medium · 95 letters

Y Q G S D L Q B A U Q L

J B O D B H F G L A E D ' J

M B A E F D V O D F Q G T

O G T D O D F G F T F B L

O G T D L Q D O X D Z Z ,

L Q D V Y O Y L G L D T

Q A O G F Y L V J B

G P B O Y F G P Z V .

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: P = O

Medium · 95 letters

A R H L P Q A

Y H J K H J V B H F J N W P X

N P M G W N P M I P A J Z H

J A R G H W, G Q A P B H A

R G L Q R P F R G L Q H B W

F R J A R H G Q J T I

Q A H J B P M A P W N P M X

K P L Y J T N .

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: N = E

Medium · 96 letters

F E B T Z N Q B X Q D N

V T J Q D T I M C B A V

X F Q J C N, I T C P F C Y,

X T Q M N C A F X N X Q,

K P N N Q, X T Q

Z F K Q B X S, Q D N

M N C I J A N F X Y

K J M M Z B F X O N T I F

A B X J Q N.

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: J = S

Medium · 96 letters

P Z B W N B H A D D Z N D

V U D Z U J R G I I A K N

I N P B U F ? P Z U F U V U

Z C J O G C L L C D C U J

H A P , Z C J O G C I I U D J ,

Z C J E N J U J , Z C J

D U H G F U J , N H L Z C J

D F C E R 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

5. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 96 letters

K Q , F Z J J R Z

Y B K U W Z U J Q K L X Z

F W Y E B S M X T U G Q N G ,

B K U Y T Q Q E J R Z

G T Z L K B K J R W K L Z M

Q H J R Z E K Z Z O R Z T Z

J R T W H J N B V H Q F F Q O

H B O K W K 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

6. Clue: B = T

Medium · 96 letters

E N I B S A I , O B O I

H A Y M S U N Z A S N U D

B X N B D Y C N A S

Z O B B Z S L S B B S A

B X N V G N Z I S

P V N M S I ; N V U O B

J O Z Z K Y V S N A B Y L S

B X Y C K X B I Y

I X Y A B Z 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

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. "I have thought some of Nature's journeymen had made men and not made them well, they imitated humanity so abominably."

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

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

2. "The most peaceable way for you if you do take a thief, is to let him show himself what he is and steal out of your company."

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

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

3. "A violet in the youth of primy nature, Forward, not permanent, sweet, not lasting, The perfume and suppliance of a minute."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Why may not that be the skull of a lawyer? Where be his quiddities now, his quilllets, his cases, his tenures, and his tricks?"

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

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

5. "No, let the candied tongue lick absurd pomp, And crook the pregnant hinges of the knee where thrift may follow fawning."

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

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

6. "Masters, it is proved already that you are little better than false knaves; and it will go near to be thought so shortly."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act IV. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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