

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 48

5 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: E = A

Easy · 125 letters

E Y Y P Z Z P N E D M N ;

D U E D R V , C U M W E

Z E W R V , E V D U M I

V E I ,

E Y Y P Z Z P N E D M N ; P H

C U M W E Z E W R V ,

L M R W J , C U M H M L I E '

Z E I L M D U P T J U D D P

L M E Y Y P Z Z P N E D M N , -

C U R Y U R V E W

M S Y M Q Q M W D D U R W 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: P = S

Medium · 130 letters

O H S N J H T P N F P W X C

V Q K V F O A T V X N D W P

B D T O P K C V K V A H O

H V T P Q S V G K T W V F K

V K C N P K V S H P, V F O

G D W F A H T C H V T N F A P

V T H L W N K H

T V J N P C H O; P D

P B H H K V F O J D S W Z S H

N P C N P O N P X D W T P 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

3. Clue: A = T

Medium · 133 letters

A E J B A K D S B O H E X

F E S B K H N D Q B H T E A G

F E S B K H N B K H R X H .

E ' O O A B O O P R M T G R

A E J B D J V O B H

T E A G D O , T G R A E J B

A K R A H T E A G D O , T G R

A E J B C D O O R N H

T E A G D O , D X F T G R G B

H A D X F H H A E O O

T E A G D O .

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

Medium · 138 letters

U X P Y E Z N Z P X

E Q C H C M Q C E U O F

M Q G T C N O Y E V,

E Q C H C Y S O U I V Z P F

M Q C P Y F F U P D

R U Y O C M D H Y E V,

K L U M C

Y R C H - A Z P Y I U C F

E U M Q O L V A U Y L V

E Y Y F N U P C, E U M Q

V E C C M T L V X - H Y V C 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

5. Clue: O = E

Medium · 139 letters

E O R Z D Z D W E J K Z Y ,

Z B M Z Y S I O Z B M

C J J M J B O ;

O V W O O M S B C R S D O ,

P Z S Y - D I J T O B , Z B M

I O Y D N Z M S B C ; K J P H U

Z B M D J N Y H J H E O G

H E Z H K J X O M E S G

B J H , A N H H J H E J D O

G O B H E Z H D J N C E H

E S G D R O O H 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. "Accommodated; that is, when a man is, as they say, accommodated; or when a man is, being, whereby a' may be thought to be accommodated, - which is an excellent thing."

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

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

2. "Delivers in such apt and gracious words that aged ears play truant at his tales, And younger hearings are quite ravished; So sweet and voluble is his discourse."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *Love's Labour's Lost, Act II. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Time travels in divers paces with divers persons. I'll tell you who Time ambles withal, who Time trots withal, who Time gallops withal, and who he stands still withal."

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

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

4. "I know a bank where the wild thyme blows, Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows, Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine, With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *A Midsummer Night's Dream, Act II. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "He was a scholar, and a ripe and good one; Exceeding wise, fair-spoken, and persuading; Lofty and sour to them that loved him not, But to those men that sought him sweet as summer."

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

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