

Simplicity Cryptograms — Set 17

6 puzzles · Standard 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: H = T

Medium · 60 letters

P V J D B H J Z I F H H J B , P B N

 P B O Y L X H H O R D H H R X

 H D B O E D S E U A P Q U , H X R R

 Q D R R D P I S J J 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

2. Clue: U = E

Easy · 60 letters

P B M X X B U Y U K Q C T V

 C U U N B U E E Y M E C T O E

 C U L U , P K N X C U L U P

 Q C P K Q U B B T L M K U A Y L F 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: X = E

Hard · 61 letters

O U L X V U Y Q E A M B E A D Y Q Z

V M Z S Z S X L U I B M B N - I X E ,

M A Z S X P X J X I N U Z Y F

X D I Q P X B U Y N S .

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 · 61 letters

Q I X U U I V K X P P V M , I D P C

V Y E V T U V K Q P K T D I K , X W

L J P D H V Q P W C X Z V P , L B U

K V Q M I J W D I 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: J = E

Medium · 62 letters

N X B P V E J I P I L

R T P B Z H J I T S M J U N F H

X J S H V , X N H B P E E B J

D P E R T J H V T S M J L H J S E

J S H 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

6. Clue: H = E

Medium · 62 letters

K H D O H J A H B Y P E H R J B

Z I D L H Q G H O S F H L J

K A S R A S B L Z J D N S J J N H

S L J H O H B J S L C J Z F 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

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 joint of mutton, and any pretty little tiny kickshaws, tell William cook."

— William Shakespeare, 1598, *King Henry IV, Part II, Act V. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "A little bench of heedless bishops here, And there a chancellor in embryo."

— William Shenstone, 1742, *The Schoolmistress, Stanza 28* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Some would find fault with the morning-red, if they ever got up early enough."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "A little dinner, long expected and cold, is by no means given, but dearly sold."

— French proverb, 1857, *Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

5. "Of listening children have your fears, for little pitchers have great ears."

— Dutch proverb, 1857, *Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

6. "We are the subjects of an experiment which is not a little interesting to me."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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