

Simplicity Cryptograms — Set 18

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: D = E

Easy · 62 letters

Z T Q B O M T O D G R X B O

M B C Z M S G V S R G B Q D

D O T H A M ; R M D V M T C D S G

R T T C S R R C D Z T Q B

P O B J 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

2. Clue: H = E

Medium · 62 letters

Z A A Z H F B X B H P H B B F Z

K S F B J A U P Y J S A

P F V S K H Z B K S H Q X U Y H Z

A E F K E A U M Z G A Z H

H P B 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: H = S

Medium · 62 letters

G R Y P T B Q Y H G M G L I S

L S G L M G R L H W U L S

S G R P H , G H V H B T B H H Y C

Y L A U B H G H Y C Y L

H L G R 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

4. Clue: T = E

Hard · 62 letters

E V T W I G X T R B J O T L W M

D P U H I C P J O T G T O O

E V H I C H O E V P E W I T

P N D H M T O H E H I E T I O T G X .

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: Q = T

Medium · 63 letters

M L P G E ' Q X V B N P S , J N Q

M L P G E B G C L V N T

O U Q Q O L I G P T U Z U P L I ,

G E X V N W S Q Q V X V U Q

W O G X O 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: L = S

Expert · 64 letters

F Y W I W D L T C R D B W L C
L D J H Q W P S F E L L S J W L
L C J W J E I A C U R D I F S W
D T Y D L C S F O E I M H E I F 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

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. "For an honest man half his wits are enough; the whole is too little for a knave."

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

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

2. "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for any one else."

— *Charles Dickens, 1865, Our Mutual Friend*

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

3. "An idler is a watch that wants both hands, As useless if it goes as if it stands."

— *William Cowper, 1782, Poems (1782), Retirement. Line 681 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "The only excuse for making a useless thing is that one admires it intensely."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1891, The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

5. "We can't do much, but we can make our little sacrifices, and ought to do it gladly."

— *Louisa May Alcott, 1868, Little Women*

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

6. "There is no vice so simple but assumes some mark of virtue in his outward parts."

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

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