

Simplicity Cryptograms — Set 21

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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: V = E

Medium · 66 letters

W X V O V S O V U V I U T V ,

L X I W X V H I O V E I C

N I K I O W X V H , W X V

T V A A W X V E L F T T N I

K I O W X V H A V T D V A .

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: O = E

Medium · 67 letters

V L A Q N O E G E O A A

V P C , Y C Y D C K W P C B O

A O T P Q O , W K E E

T P W I E Y C D T K H C Q N O

Q K W W O C Q K U N Y A

U P Q 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

3. Clue: T = E

Medium · 67 letters

K B T R T N G S T W Q S

G V L F G I L S E

A T I T W G K N Q W K T I

G I D Q J D T N K B T J Q N N

Q W M S T N T I K

A J T N N G I F N .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 68 letters

P R M Q Y Z B I S R

P V I I P R Y M W I V P W E

I Z E M V P, E K Q R M L

I S R I S V Y Z M Q, M Y L

A M I A S I S R L Q V X V Y O

O M P R.

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: I = A

Easy · 68 letters

E G X R I J D E I D

C L D D C T O I H Y C T

D E J G X Q E L Q W T I B Q !

Q G Q E L H T Q I F G G Y

Y T T Y L H I H I N F E D K

X G J C Y .

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: W = A

Medium · 68 letters

U W Y M Y N Q J W H H F N Z
W U Q R N D P F W Z R Y
R U M Y , W Y Z ,
A N W B M Y F N D D
K R Q D N F S , Q W Z N
W U Q D U R Z R P C F M C 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

Answer key

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1. "There are people, who the more you do for them, the less they will do for themselves."

— Jane Austen, 1815, *Emma*

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

2. "Must helpless man, in ignorance sedate, Roll darkling down the torrent of his fate?"

— Samuel Johnson, 1749, *The Vanity of Human Wishes*, Line 345 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "The desire for imaginary benefits often involves the loss of present blessings."

— Aesop, 1867, *Aesop's Fables* (George Fyler Townsend translation, 1867)

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

4. "Learn of the little nautilus to sail, Spread the thin oar, and catch the driving gale."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man*, Epistle III. Line 177 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Ran on embattled armies clad in iron, And, weaponless himself, Made arms ridiculous."

— John Milton, 1671, *Samson Agonistes*, Line 129 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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