

Simplicity Cryptograms — Set 23

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: W = E

Medium · 70 letters

F A K T F W A U M C U T M G W

N I W T T U E O K Z M G W K I J

M W T M S H W E M ; S J Q W A T U M C

U T M G W N I W T T U E O K Z

M G W E W 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

2. Clue: B = N

Easy · 70 letters

F E F T C H C Q Q Q N B Z , K M D R

F H M D D H C B N B Q C B Q C M B

M D B N K F B A D R C B , A N C Q

B N D W M Q X C E N W C F

W N B F T E 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

3. Clue: F = E

Medium · 70 letters

Z Q Y F P U F Q Z E S F

N F O M F U E F Z E S F O B Y C I M

G I H : Q V F O F R T E Y Q E E Y F

S B N N H , Q M Q U I T Y C Z B H

S I V W T U 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: L = S

Medium · 71 letters

T Z D H S M L R Z Q T Y M S ! V T

L T T V M S W Q T Y V W J R

W Q D L R M P , L T Z R L H Q O M V

N S H U S T L M Z D P H V E

R H U M Q M L L Q C .

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: B = A

Medium · 71 letters

J E Z D M B F F W D Q B M F , B Y O

R V F W B Q V F F Q D U V Y

P E L D M F W L E G I W W V M

J B M F Q D R B Q Q - B Y O

C B L D R D Q Q A V Y I !

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: J = E

Medium · 72 letters

H C P H V Q B J D D M B H Q X C Z
Q J Y J I V D P I C J M I V
P H X V , H C W M J B B H W I N C
P X D D P I F B W J V D N X Y P
B I I D J E H V 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

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. "Prosperity is the blessing of the Old Testament; adversity is the blessing of the New."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *Essays, Of Adversity* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "A careless song, with a little nonsense in it now and then, does not misbecome a monarch."

— Horace Walpole, 1774, *Letter to Sir Horace Mann*, 1774 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Silence is the perfectest herald of joy: I were but little happy, if I could say how much."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act II. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "O fairest flower! no sooner blown but blasted, Soft silken primrose fading timelessly."

— John Milton, 1673, *Ode on the Death of a Fair Infant, dying of a Cough* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Comes at the last, and with a little pin Bores through his castle wall - and farewell king!"

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *King Richard II*, Act III. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "An harmless flaming meteor shone for hair, And fell adown his shoulders with loose care."

— Abraham Cowley, 1656, *Davideis*, Book II. Line 95 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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