

Time Cryptograms — Set 7

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: J = A

Hard · 47 letters

V L Z J A S Q S S M O S N N

Q F L R C Z V R X H P J C F S J V

G F J O Q J B U M L O J G J T P .

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 = E

Medium · 47 letters

P A P Y R D P A P L W P Y V

V Z X P H N X P V D K Q H W P N L

P T T V K X Z Y T Y P H H D P 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

3. Clue: X = N

Expert · 48 letters

L X M Y Z P K Q E W Y O C P C E Y F

L X F U H X S C X Y F, W H E B C X

Z L U Y L X F C X E C P 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

4. Clue: A = E

Medium · 48 letters

N A B N G B L A A D L, Z Y K R L,

G K R L J F A B Y F A L Q N G B N A

Q J X E R P G B N A P K J B.

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: C = R

Hard · 48 letters

P N M C M D C M P C W P N J

H N V R N D C M T S P I S C D X X

U M T , T S C I S C D X X

P V U M 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

6. Clue: Q = O

Hard · 48 letters

L A P Q N I Q K D C L T

U B O E Q Y J I O Z Q I J W P L A L

T J L I Q K E Q A Y J I O L W B Q 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

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. "To have been well brought up is a great drawback nowadays."

— Oscar Wilde, 1893, *A Woman of No Importance*

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

2. "Even clever hens sometimes lay their eggs among nettles."

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

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

3. "Anger must be limited and confined, both in race and in time."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

4. "He that seeks, finds, and sometimes what he would rather not."

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

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

5. "There are truths which are not for all men, nor for all times."

— Voltaire, 1761, *Letter to Cardinal de Bernis, April 23, 1761* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "An hour of play discovers more than a year of conversation."

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

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