

Time Cryptograms — Set 12

6 puzzles · Large 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: L = N

Medium · 54 letters

H X L O X B V H R , . . .

J U M H X C X K

C R S V L L V L S S U R X B

J U V R L K E T V A E T X P R

E A U W L S W 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: X = N

Easy · 54 letters

Z T P Z X Y M U I X Z

U V S I D O O V N Z D X,

V X T N D G I Q Z G I N

M U I X Z U V S I X D

D O O V N Z D 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

3. Clue: P = E

Medium · 54 letters

Z I T G P V P P U K I P

N T E W M B F W U D

K I F W Y D I K I P

Q Z K K Q P I W Q P W M

N Z V X F P K Z W U .

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: B = I

Medium · 54 letters

A B R V B X W I G W M X

E L B H S B H S A J V

D Y Y W X B D H X A J W A

P B X Y I D X V A J V B L

O W I F 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

5. Clue: Z = E

Expert · 54 letters

I Z D U U V C D U Z ,

J I F J I Z P V Z U Y R V W

J I Z D A Z J I G Z Z

L F O U M Z H V G Z D J

H G Z Z X Z U .

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: M = E

Medium · 54 letters

B H M Y F R N D P E Z D O M

F H Y E M F G P D I S B G M

P E F H P D S M M H B V W E

P B O D H Y F N B G Z 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

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 wordsOF 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Many a time, . . . from a bad beginning great friendships have sprung up."

— Terence, 161 BC, *Eunuchus*, Act V. Sc. 2, 34. (873) (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "I drink when I have occasion, and sometimes when I have no occasion."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1615, *Don Quixote*, Part II, Chap. XXXIII (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "I have seen the day of wrong through the little hole of discretion."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *Love's Labour's Lost*, Act V. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Time is always bringing the occasions that disclose their value."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

5. "He is so wise, that he goes upon the ice three days before it freezes."

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

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

6. "One day with life and heart is more than time enough to find a world."

— James Russell Lowell, 1844, *Poems* (1844), *Columbus* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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