

Time Cryptograms — Set 17

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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: S = E

Hard · 59 letters

J M S V L C X W ,

K E L K K F A V , L A X

T S N U T Z S Q C E X L W F Z

H T S R J F A J U J M S

K U Z U N U Q J M S Z S 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

2. Clue: L = A

Medium · 59 letters

W Q B H D I S X U L M U E V

X W C X H H A Q P L Q

O H G Q L W G U S L I I Q P U

R L V X U J D Q Q U E U S W G

L S L 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: D = E

Hard · 59 letters

Z B T G D U N N R P V M J Q
R W Q M Z D P Z D , H O M U O
P N N O P N N M E D N O D I
U P C C D Q C P U V R W
E R J D 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

4. Clue: W = T

Medium · 59 letters

W F I W G R I G E J D W J Z

P J G H W : J U D N E I L

E Q G W I , W F K W I M I N G

X K E T J N H W J E I W G W

N G S F W !

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: O = E

Hard · 59 letters

D O T X O T F F G W X

F K C O H K Z O X O T V K M A

H E O S G N K G W Y Y O M Y O

G C H E K Y C K X Y H G C

C G X 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

6. Clue: O = A

Medium · 60 letters

O H X U Q L O V Z N B O Y L

L F O Y F B L B Y I B H U

T U Y W O L H O H B : O V

X U Q Y W O N P O N C H C V

H X B Z Q L 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

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. "The gaudy, blabbing, and remorseful day is crept into the bosom of the sea."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, Part II. Act IV. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "It would be a very big book that contained all the maybes uttered in a day."

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

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

3. "Subject to a kind of disease, which at that time they called lack of money."

— Francois Rabelais, 1532, *Pantagruel (Works, Book II), Chap. XVI* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The time is out of joint: O cursed spite, That ever I was born to set it right!"

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet, Act I. Sc. 5* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "We are all our lifetime reading the copious sense of this first of forms."

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

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

6. "A thousand years scarce serve to form a state: An hour may lay it in the dust."

— Lord Byron, 1812, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage, Canto II, Stanza 84* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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