

Time Cryptograms — Set 19

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: M = A

Hard · 61 letters

C S F U F M U F J S D U C A M T J

 M P A K D P N ; C S F E D D P S M J

 G C J Q F U G D A J D H O M P G P N

 M P A O M B G P N .

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: Y = O

Hard · 62 letters

E H D B B V U I A I D F T I F I

 W B D A E K L U Y B E C D A M , V Y

 M W Y F V T Y X B C R I D M

 V I C E Y X M D M V Y T Y F N .

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: H = T

Easy · 63 letters

P H R K U G H P U G R W X Z Z G Y R

H W X H K Y G U X Y W X R X J J

H W G H K P J , X Y I X Y K H W G L

X J J H W G Z L K T P 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

4. Clue: P = E

Medium · 64 letters

L U S P P R V F O L U P ,

I R Z V R A Z K V I A V D

O P Z L W A , M T L M H S V G P A

M T P T P S V J V S R K R

J P M M P S O L 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

5. Clue: O = T

Medium · 64 letters

O P Z W I B G Q Z Q A , V Z S M

O P M W N Z G Z O B Y T R B C O P

O P T O I M T Q W O B X M B Y

Q B O M , X M A Z Q W X M O Z I M 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

6. Clue: Q = A

Easy · 64 letters

D H F Q P D E Q P I

A G G F S E E A F E R Q Z S U Q P H

D M U S E U Q I S Q

O M B I S F P S E E Q P I

V Q B B S I M D G S Q V 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

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. "There are short days and long; the moon has its periods of waning and waxing."

— Sun Tzu, 1910, *The Art of War* (Lionel Giles translation, 1910)

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

2. "If all the year were playing holidays, To sport would be as tedious as to work."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *King Henry IV, Part I, Act I. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "It sometimes happens that one man has all the toil, and another all the profit."

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

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

4. "A green old age, unconscious of decays, That proves the hero born in better days."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer* (Pope's translation), Book XXIII. Line 929 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "This morning, like the spirit of a youth that means to be of note, begins betimes."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *Antony and Cleopatra*, Act IV. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Tyrants and oppressors have many times made a wilderness and called it peace."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1904, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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