

Time Cryptograms — Set 21

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 = E

Hard · 65 letters

P G L T V Q H Z H C ,

M G Z X G Z O P G L T V O P

T L T V Q N J B L O L N O V H

V E P G L Y N R , Z O P G L

N M N A L H Z H C G V K Q .

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: F = E

Easy · 66 letters

D Y F L F U O J

C U A A F L F B I F U B

D Y F U L N F L P

S L F J D Y U B Q : D Y F P

I Y J B Q F A L Z E

E Z E F B D D Z E Z E F B D .

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: C = E

Hard · 66 letters

S U Z C G O E I C R N G U V C

G J R C D Y K

I J V C G O U K S K C B D K W

S J J W , D K W M C D I C G J

X C B O U Y R C W

D Y J T K 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

4. Clue: Y = E

Medium · 66 letters

O " U X V O H F Y

D N P H D P T Y H D Y , " X N

K U Y O Z R V O U Y E I

L R P D R U K D R X R P H F U

O V Y U Y X X C Y T

H N L O T O I 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

5. Clue: C = T

Medium · 66 letters

Y B C Q Y R X E K W H

P E X K C U T R Y B X R R

K M C Y Z Y C D K B L

W S S W E C T B Y C D

M K T C Y W B Y R B W C

T B C Y I X V D .

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: W = T

Medium · 66 letters

K S D W W I S H A S R V

A L E V ? W I V O K S O S W

D T H X O K V C W L U V ,

E S C W I X W L D W I V

D W H E E A L E V L D

U X K V S E .

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

Answer key

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1. "The morning, which is the most memorable season of the day, is the awakening hour."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "There is a difference in their very breathing: they change from moment to moment."

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

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

3. "Give thyself time to learn something new and good, and cease to be whirled around."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

4. "A "strange coincidence," to use a phrase by which such things are settled nowadays."

— Lord Byron, 1819, *Don Juan*, Canto VI. Stanza 78 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "In this era of great business activity and opportunity caution is not untimely."

— William McKinley, 1900, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

6. "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

— Benjamin Franklin, 1746, *Poor Richard's Almanack*

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