

Time Cryptograms — Set 24

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: F = N

Medium · 72 letters

C N R B F B W W K Q Z , Y F

L G N A Y Z U L K W L G Y U

Z B X K W M B U U Y K F

B F Z T F Q N U L , L K S N

U N V W - R K F L B Y F N Z

B F Z U T Q 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: H = E

Medium · 72 letters

B N G H R Y B B Y K N T O

B N R H W X Z Y E O X

P Z H J W E Z H V F Y E

M N V V H P W, F Y E B Y V H

N W N T W X H A Y A H T W

F Y E M H W H P 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

3. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 72 letters

C Z Q A Q M D D F A Q R V

P K L A Q B C Q A

G M D Y K S, C Z B P G Q R R

C K C M S Q C Z Q

U Q L M P P M P L D, B P Y

K P D Q C D, K N C Z M P L 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

4. Clue: U = E

Hard · 73 letters

J X R N V N B C T U X T I B

T Y B Z U S J E G Z T

S U J E X U P U K I B N T E ,

G Z N K Z T I B - F N W U X

B Z U S T X B I E B N S U F M

U E O N E C .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 73 letters

R P L , E O H M W O M

S E P H G O N P G H N

Q M D E O L ' R E Y T R O ,

M G W D E O J L P S I R

M L O M B P Z O M D D E P R

W M N D Y D O R D P Q N P 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: G = T

Hard · 74 letters

G O D R A T K S X W G O T

L U U S R A V G O G O T

G V P T, X Y F G O T

R K V C V G R U L G O T

A V R T R V G V Y G O T

Q S U D F R X Y F P U Q N

D R .

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. "We can afford, in the midst of this day of passion and unrest, to be self-contained and sure."

— Woodrow Wilson, 1919, *State of the Union Address*

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

2. "Like following life through creatures you dissect, You lose it in the moment you detect."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays, Epistle I. Line 20* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "There is surely no greater wisdom, than well to time the beginnings, and onsets, of things."

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

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

4. "A spirit goes out of the man who means execution, which out-lives the most untimely ending."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

5. "Sir, he made a chimney in my father's house, and the bricks are alive at this day to testify it."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, Part II. Act IV. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Thus we play the fools with the time, and the spirits of the wise sit in the clouds and mock us."

— William Shakespeare, 1598, *King Henry IV, Part II, Act II. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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