

Time Cryptograms — Set 25

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: D = O

Medium · 75 letters

W E O D P X U Y G O U K K D X B

 U D Y P W B Y M D C W G V D P X

 S D C U O U L ; W B T K K X U

 C W O U K D X B U D Y P W B Y

 M D C Y V X G V D P X K 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: B = E

Medium · 75 letters

C B W D Q I N Y Y N A E S T

C B W D Q Q J B W Y

Q N H B J O E S T B M B D C X W C ;

W J Y W Q J J O B C Q J B W Y G Q

I D N H N G D Q B Y M B Q W A W C .

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: K = E

Medium · 76 letters

Q T U U H T C U S T Q Z Y K Q

U W K K Q T S Y T I C H K D Z W U

L T I N M S J D C K , - C I L W

Y K Q J C N D G K D Q U W K C K

M K Z K Q K S J U K M J A C .

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: H = S

Medium · 77 letters

D S B H D N E T H V K H S N X D , -

T O M S D S N F P S N H D B L F

V K T H S K U V ; F T R D S N F P H

H B M M T T V , O H X K L E T L

D S N F P H P L K R K U 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: D = H

Medium · 78 letters

M T R R Q N D J M N D J S , L S X Z W

Q D R I G K ! U X W D Q T X U U

S R N G K Q D R T S J Z W M J H

Z X W D Q ; M T R R Q N D J M N D J S ,

L S X Z W Q D R I G K !

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: I = E

Medium · 79 letters

Z H C I D W V Q K S H W Q D K T I
N I S I T U H Q I N Q W S Y F S B I
G W P Q S W V F I K T D , Y P S Y F
S B I Z H V I S H U I W V S B I
B P U K Q D O H T H 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. "A violent wind does not last for a whole morning; a sudden rain does not last for the whole day."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

2. "Years following years steal something every day; At last they steal us from ourselves away."

— Alexander Pope, 1738, *Imitations of Horace, Satires, Epistles, and Odes of Horace. Epistle II. Book II. Line 72* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "Not two strong men the enormous weight could raise, - Such men as live in these degenerate days."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation), Book V. Line 371* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "Thus times do shift, - each thing his turn does hold; New things succeed, as former things grow old."

— Robert Herrick, 1648, *Hesperides, Ceremonies for Candlemas Eve* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "Sweet Phosphor, bring the day! Light will repay the wrongs of night; Sweet Phosphor, bring the day!"

— Francis Quarles, 1635, *Emblems, Book I. Emblem 14* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "Lives of nations are determined not by the count of years, but by the lifetime of the human spirit."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1941, *Third Inaugural Address*

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