

Time Cryptograms — Set 26

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: Z = A

Hard · 79 letters

U L Z H W , L Z H W , L Z H W ,

Z K O L B F N Q A Z C N U J

I U U I , O H H N X U P N H Z Q A E

L Z H W , B U B Z A N X A O V G N

M O B F U R B Z A A F U V N U J

L Z 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

2. Clue: F = E

Medium · 80 letters

D X B Q V Z F

C F M X J L F M C Q D F X G C

M X G J D C V D X

N X J R - M U F C T L U F B T B F Q N L

T J Q L G B B F J N V M U Q J R F B

M T P T N T S Q D T X J .

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: A = E

Medium · 80 letters

E A S K Q K X W N A V V X K - S D I

X U A F K K S , X U A

B Z A D V N Y A , X U A B K E A Y

K J X K - F K Y Y K E , E U A Q E A

D Y A R N M Z S M Q W N B K N Y

R A M Q 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: V = T

Hard · 80 letters

I S R W V W U I S R W V , S Q M

 Q H V V H R O X B E Q Z H E V H X

 V I O G W Q M H G R L S Q L C S Q ,

 R E V D H S P O M

 M H G Q U V S W K U S U V O J S V

 S V W C O .

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: I = E

Easy · 81 letters

U Z I V I T V I U N W U E O I D

E L T O T L ' D R E Q I N Z I L

Z I D Z W C R M L W U

D H I A C R T U I : N Z I L Z I

A T L ' U T Q Q W V M E U , T L M

N Z I L Z I A T 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

6. Clue: A = S

Medium · 82 letters

O N D W A N M R G R A N S C
N O V R A , O N D W A N M R
D S U A N S C N O V R A , O N D W A
N M R W K R S C D O A L S V , O N
D W A N M R W K R S C
C S S Z O A M T R A 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

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. "O dark, dark, dark, amid the blaze of noon, Irrecoverably dark, total eclipse without all hope of day!"
— John Milton, 1671, *Samson Agonistes*, Line 80 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=L B=T C=Z D=G E=Y F=H G=S H=R I=N J=F K=M L=D M=W N=E O=I P=V Q=B R=U S=Q T=X U=O V=P W=K X=C Y=J Z=A
2. "Today we reconsecrate our country to long-cherished ideals in a suddenly changed civilization."
— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1937, *Second Inaugural Address*
Cipher key: A=M B=D C=R D=T E=X F=E G=U H=K I=B J=N K=J L=S M=C N=L O=Q P=V Q=A R=G S=Z T=I U=H V=Y W=P X=O Y=F Z=W
3. "We do not guess to-day the mood, the pleasure, the power of to-morrow, when we are building up our being."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*
Cipher key: A=E B=P C=J D=A E=W F=M G=V H=C I=Y J=F K=O L=X M=I N=U O=Q P=Z Q=N R=B S=D T=K U=H V=S W=G X=T Y=R Z=L
4. "Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed downstairs a step at a time."
— Mark Twain, 1894, *Pudd'nhead Wilson*
Cipher key: A=V B=L C=M D=C E=U F=K G=W H=O I=H J=P K=R L=Y M=D N=J O=E P=X Q=N R=B S=A T=Q U=S V=T W=I X=F Y=Z Z=G
5. "There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it, and when he can."
— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*
Cipher key: A=C B=J C=U D=S E=I F=Y G=V H=P I=E J=Z K=Q L=N M=D N=W O=M P=X Q=F R=L S=G T=A U=T V=R W=O X=B Y=K Z=H
6. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness."
— Charles Dickens, 1859, *A Tale of Two Cities*
Cipher key: A=S B=Q C=F D=W E=P F=J G=B H=Y I=V J=K K=G L=D M=H N=T O=I P=X Q=Z R=E S=O T=N U=R V=M W=A X=C Y=U Z=L