

Time Cryptograms — Set 30

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: X = O

Easy · 94 letters

N P F K I P F Q G L

L X U F N K U F L L X

M K N N M F N P Q N N P F I F

K L Z X I X X U D X I

T K N ; L X U F N K U F L L X

M X Z Y N P Q N N P F I F

K L Z X T K N D X I L X

U J R P I X X 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

2. Clue: O = E

Medium · 94 letters

I S O N O W I C O G H Y W

J S Y U S J H I O G D V Z

F O H W D H W B T O O R D

V O Y W I S O S K X D O

I K - B H Z Y D W K I

B G O H G H W B

V O C H W U S K C Z , F X I

N K K B E K G V O I K K .

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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3. Clue: R = I

Hard · 95 letters

R M T A E C R I R K T A E O

M O R P S N, L G T S P P N

T A E H Y A Z A V R W P M A O

S A K G H C R S V

C R I R K P N G R F, H S N

L H I K P G R I K R F P

H S N N P M H J P T A E O

A L S H J K?

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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4. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 95 letters

J E Q H S N P H B E J

B W U M Q P R C F R Q, J E Q

M E Q U A Z Q R Q S M Q P R

S U J F P S D, J E Q

S H W D Q P R I U S C O

D Q S J F I Q S J U S Z

E Q W P F M

Q S J Q W A W F D Q F D

B P S 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

5. Clue: C = E

Medium · 96 letters

S T C W C V N Q A J T R N Q

D C J H V W W O V I C N V W C

T V M M R O N G C L V Z N C

R Q Z A I F V E O C N

N M C A E S T C O W S O H C

O A H V Y O A I A C S N ,

A Q S O A H V Y O A I

L V I C 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

6. Clue: B = E

Easy · 97 letters

B Z B E V O K M Y B B D Q

P M Q I P M U I P Z B D V

I J K I K D D I J B

H B K A I P Y A D

Q B M I P O B M I Q P M I J B

X R E D F X B P S J D B Q Q

I J K M K Q P M S D B

D R Z B D V K U I P R M .

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. "Their heads sometimes so little that there is no room for wit; sometimes so long that there is no wit for so much room."

— Thomas Fuller, 1642, *The Holy and Profane State, Of Natural Fools* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The gentle rain which waters my beans and keeps me in the house to-day is not drear and melancholy, but good for me too."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

3. "If you visit your friend, why need you apologize for not having visited him, and waste his time and deface your own act?"

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

4. "The unbought grace of life, the cheap defence of nations, the nurse of manly sentiment and heroic enterprise is gone."

— Edmund Burke, 1790, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, Vol. III. p. 331 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The reason why so few marriages are happy is because young ladies spend their time in making nets, not in making cages."

— Jonathan Swift, 1706, *Thoughts on Various Subjects* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action."

— James Russell Lowell, 1870, *Among My Books, First Series. Rousseau and the Sentimentalists* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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