

Truth Cryptograms — Set 17

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: K = E

Medium · 68 letters

X N X R W O N K I N E K A Z R K

N E Z N N E K F Z I H E W A Z I ' N

N K U U Z U X K N E X I L R E K

X R N E K P K R N V Q G C K W O

W I 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

2. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 68 letters

P D X Q K B I J B A K A D P A K

A W Y D V I Q K B L Y V B D

D Q S O B Q L ; V E G L P D Q K Q

J B O O : Y W D J B L G W I

E Q T Q D O B Q 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

3. Clue: H = T

Medium · 68 letters

D P R Q , W X H Q D H B S D

Y N W B W H E J E S B

W X Y H W H S H W E X Y , Y Q E S G A

R E X R D A D Y E C D H Q W X I H E

H Q D E H Q D B .

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: T = A

Medium · 68 letters

O R S B E G Y C L T S C T S

R S L R S X T W R S M

T Q Q B T Y T S Z B T Y B

L B P C G U T L L G Z R T W B C

E R W F W Y X B D R Y W X B .

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 = O

Medium · 69 letters

X U W Q Q D G T A M E Z F T B B A

B U P T N C U A T X , A U X , U G N

I D D X Q D Y A T ; N A E D Y X

I T N X B U G E D Y X R D Y B

D E A M T X .

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: Q = N

Medium · 69 letters

M N H G N I Q S X L U X M G W V

G V D G T, N Q A W Q G N I Q N U

D Q M V D N G M D S, X Q J

N K X L N Q X G N I Q H I S J X Q J

O X V V W 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

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. "It is often the case that the man who can't tell a lie thinks he is the best judge of one."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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

2. "Urge him with truth to frame his fair replies; And sure he will: for Wisdom never lies."

— Alexander Pope, 1726, *The Odyssey of Homer (Pope's translation), Book III. Line 25 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Each, in the true spirit of our institutions, should concede something to the other."

— James K. Polk, 1848, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "Fine words and an insinuating appearance are seldom associated with true virtue."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects (James Legge translation, 1861)*

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

5. "Rich honesty dwells like a miser, sir, in a poor house; as your pearl in your foul oyster."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It, Act V. Sc. 4 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Fiction lags after truth, invention is unfruitful, and imagination cold and barren."

— Edmund Burke, 1775, *Speech on Conciliation with America, Speech on the Conciliation of America. Vol. II. p. 116 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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