

Winter Cryptograms — Set 1

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: J = O

Expert · 40 letters

C O T C P R K E U J L I J H X

U M H C D O , G U D F J L I J H X

O H F U X K J X 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

2. Clue: E = T

Hard · 40 letters

A F L E D Z Q , L D O , D L E N Q

T O Q X E D M E Q O Q L E R G Y X M

R M Q X O E 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

3. Clue: L = E

Medium · 40 letters

D Z L G T L J L D Q K D D R

P R W T J L T N C L I I L F I O P Z

P C P K Q M Y Y .

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: K = T

Expert · 40 letters

K O R J T G S E W P T P F J

C F M R G I S R I K T P

N H P K T D R , I F K Q T K Z .

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: P = A

Medium · 40 letters

Y M V Y I V P Z X G E I H

P S I X Y M H ' G C F P X X M H Y P G

P D I F N J M P F .

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: W = T

Hard · 41 letters

W B R C I H K E Y Y S V E H A W N

Y E A B W K B L W Y L G I H U R V

W B R C H N 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

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. "Ask advice of your equals, help of your superiors."

— Danish proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

2. "Justice, sir, is the great interest of man on earth."

— Daniel Webster, 1845, *On Mr. Justice Story*, 1845. P. 300 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "One piece of good advice is better than a bag full."

— Danish proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

4. "The firm basis of government is justice, not pity."

— Woodrow Wilson, 1913, *First Inaugural Address*

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

5. "He who waits for another's platter has a cold meal."

— Spanish proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

6. "The sun will bring to light what lay under the snow."

— German proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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