

Winter Cryptograms — Set 3

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: L = S

Expert · 43 letters

G B L M T V Z Q F V L V L

F G B P T V L L H J F, V C C

X C V E T H F V L G B L N J C 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

2. Clue: P = O

Medium · 44 letters

P L G O P C I W L G M G J A T N

U P P E Q R E T A J Q O G X P J

T L N H G L H T U Q P 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: L = E

Expert · 44 letters

P I M G O M K I L U F M L D P U K

R M L S I L W K C V E I K G O X L U

J O U T I O U L 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

4. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 45 letters

Y R Y W I Y W W P Z J Q Z P P

I Y O Q L X A V W Z C Q I C P V I Q

P L C V H Q W Q R V Q H .

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: F = T

Hard · 45 letters

F K R B R P V B R D E X S R Y T

X T X G L T F E Z Y O F R B ,

P B V T F E , U L F W Y O J G 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

6. Clue: P = T

Hard · 46 letters

P Z S C S A Q R C S K P S C

T K V A P U K V E L K J C A L S A V

P K Q P S P Z K V A V G A P .

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. "His beard was as white as snow, All flaxen was his poll."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act IV. Sc. 5 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "One could never pay too high a price for any sensation."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

3. "Our virtues are most frequently but vices disguised."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, *Maximes*, 19 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

5. "Therefore my age is as a lusty winter, Frosty, but kindly."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "There is greater vanity and caprice in taste than in wit."

— Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, *Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims* (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)

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