

Winter Cryptograms — Set 5

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: M = S

Hard · 48 letters

X Y B V Y U M V T Z T L M U

Q J T Z Y U M V X Y T W F

T L M Y K N J T T Y U M

N G L M M K V M 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

2. Clue: A = I

Medium · 48 letters

Y Z M X C N R A B P A X I

A T C N D R E E D S C B B

P D Y X, C B B E Z M V A K M

P M T M Q E A 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

3. Clue: Y = E

Expert · 48 letters

P C H Y K Y E N S D C W V ,

P C H Y K Y E N U G G V ,

Z L V W S M Y M H T X L Y E V

Y K Y E F H E 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: Y = E

Hard · 48 letters

W V V W Y M G W

M V Q O U G S W V B H C Y

R Y G I C V H I S M Y

R L B B Y Z R

R C S O I Z Y M 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

5. Clue: W = E

Expert · 49 letters

D W O D E V R C W H V D W
O Q E G I Q E R L K S H V
K R C W D N H M E S Q G W P
V O N Y W E J 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

6. Clue: W = O

Medium · 49 letters

Z F I M X N V W B A W U
V W B U K W Z R L E :
F I M X N V W B : V W B U
Y W E F E T L L F
K W Z R L 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

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)

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Answer key

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1. "Vice itself lost half its evil by losing all its grossness."

— Edmund Burke, 1790, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, Vol. III. p. 332 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "When a building is about to fall down, all the mice desert it."

— Pliny the Elder, 77, *Natural History (Naturalis Historia)*, Book VIII. Sect. 103 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Whoever fights, whoever falls, Justice conquers evermore."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1847, *Poems, Voluntaries* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "No one can complain of the sea who twice suffers shipwreck."

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

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

5. "He who takes the wrong road must make his journey twice over."

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

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

6. "I thank you for your voices: thank you: Your most sweet voices."

— William Shakespeare, 1608, *Coriolanus*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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