

Winter Cryptograms — Set 7

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: K = E

Hard · 52 letters

W G S K ! I X W C R K V L E T

P H K D B L V H D C X K

S W D C X W C S K P P E K T

I L C X A H E P L V H D !

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: U = N

Hard · 52 letters

W V U T Q F D D P B Q M S ,

W V U T V U D P B U B C ,

W V U T , P X N N A L B M M G ,

X R W Q G G D P B G U Q 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

3. Clue: V = E

Hard · 52 letters

R V C R P C G E A Q B X V
R V P Q C R N W A H C G V P I
R K H G K U C V I
M Q E C R V H K U
H A W W V I .

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: B = T

Hard · 52 letters

C T U B E O U B H O Y U M B

M T U V V W O U M B S M ,

V F Z T B U E K P T Q F P O ,

Q W U B B F P B U M B 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

5. Clue: B = I

Medium · 52 letters

B P B R M O Z N O O Z W

F W H O I B D O C W B

Z N I W Z N H B R B O

H Y S W O B R K O C D W Y P

I B K W .

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: O = E

Expert · 52 letters

V A O Q G V O L V Z Y X Z V D

G I U K G F Z L U K Z P A

E O D G L S V A O S K O Y R W

G I Y J Y K Z P 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

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. "Ay me! what perils do environ the man that meddles with cold iron!"

— Samuel Butler, 1663, *Hudibras, Part I, Canto III. Line 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow!"

— Alfred Tennyson, 1850, *In Memoriam A.H.H., CV. Stanza 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "He that would be healthy must wear his winter clothes in summer."

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

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

4. "What neat repast shall feast us, light and choice, Of Attic taste?"

— John Milton, 1673, *Sonnet: To Mr. Lawrence* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "I find that the best virtue I have has in it some tincture of vice."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays, Book II, Chap. XX. That we taste nothing pure* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "The potentiality of growing rich beyond the dreams of avarice."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell). Vol. VIII. Chap. II* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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