

Winter Cryptograms — Set 8

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: I = E

Expert · 53 letters

N K T V N I M T U X S P X

G I S Z J U I X F K U S Z I

S L T Q I C K I U I S N K

T O T U X V P S U E G I 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

2. Clue: E = T

Medium · 53 letters

E V Z F Q E O E V Q E

Y L M J Z Q R Q U X M F Z

Q L Z Q O A T T Y Q O

E V T O Z E V Q E F Q E F V

E V Z 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

3. Clue: N = E

Hard · 53 letters

S J N Q E E O B N Q E
G I O M S O M U I M F
A B T V G S T X N A N N K A
S Q C N K N X N V H
O M O S O I V .

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: F = E

Easy · 53 letters

Z W F J G W F D P C C F A
M D Z M J G F A, Y J V G W F
Z M J G F A D P C C F A, M G
M D Y D H A A B B F Y A.

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: L = E

Expert · 53 letters

I W Q W I F L U A G R L
V U L T D K R A K R L T F
Q R W K S M E V X L K
S Q A H L W O L U W I L
K S W I 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

6. Clue: F = E

Hard · 53 letters

L Y Q B O F S F N G J E W D M

T F O Y D F J X W L F ,

F S F N G J E W D M X Y Q B O

T F O Y D F T F J J F 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

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. "Choice word and measured phrase above the reach of ordinary men."

— William Wordsworth, 1807, *Poems in Two Volumes, Resolution and Independence*. Stanza 14 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The cats that drive away mice are as good as those that catch them."

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

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

3. "The office of painting and sculpture seems to be merely initial."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

4. "When the summer is winter, and the winter summer, it is a sorry year."

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

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

5. "No wonder if he breaks his head who stumbles twice over one stone."

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

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

6. "Could everything be done twice, everything would be done better."

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

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