

Winter Cryptograms — Set 12

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: C = A

Expert · 61 letters

E C U V O Z K K ,

B F K P R E Z , C O Q

E H O K R Q Z W C P R H O

K I H F U Q

E I C W C E P Z W R T Z H F W

Q R A U H V C E L .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 61 letters

Z F N S S F X U N W W X H ,

F D W E X C A X K S X U Z W U

K D F U , N V Q P W D

I X Z W V E N J X W , Q T S

U X Z H F P V D F U .

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

Medium · 62 letters

J O G E K Q B V G F

E J K I V K Q I N A A N H P X

L V E E V B

B V A V A L V B V F E O G H

J O G E K Q

E B G H Q I B K L V 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

4. Clue: K = T

Medium · 63 letters

Z P F M Q ' K S R I J F B ,

W J K Z P F M Q I M X P

R J U V O K K V P

T M F U O Y O F P T , M Q S

R J L B K K R S R O K

L V M S V 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

5. Clue: O = S

Expert · 64 letters

V G A Z A X O W U B X K A

O U O X I L C A P F V

M O O F I A O O U I A I M Z J

U Y B X Z V F A X W G X O

U F V R M Z S L M Z V 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

6. Clue: L = N

Expert · 64 letters

A X J V K R Z U , G T

M Z I U J A L R T T - I G S

D R A Q K O H M X L , M L E

Q F U L X Y U Y G L E R Y Q

G T M Y K G R E U E Y M L U .

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. "Calmness, justice, and consideration should characterize our diplomacy."

— Benjamin Harrison, 1889, *Inaugural Address*

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

2. "A little dinner, long expected and cold, is by no means given, but dearly sold."

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

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

3. "What is read twice is commonly better remembered than what is transcribed."

— Samuel Johnson, 1760, *The Idler*, No. 74 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "We can't do much, but we can make our little sacrifices, and ought to do it gladly."

— Louisa May Alcott, 1868, *Little Women*

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

5. "There is no vice so simple but assumes some mark of virtue in his outward parts."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act III. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Sir Plume, of amber snuff-box justly vain, And the nice conduct of a clouded cane."

— Alexander Pope, 1714, *The Rape of the Lock*, Canto IV. Line 123 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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