

Winter Cryptograms — Set 13

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: N = O

Hard · 64 letters

V N A N V H Q N L A B Y H Q Y V

N K L L N K D S - Y U W O V F

U A N L C A S Q X O A S N I

F K A C B O U A S Q B O C A N

D W N L 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: K = E

Medium · 65 letters

U K B Y H D K H M S H R R S K ,

J T E M F T O R H J K N R U K W K ;

R T K J T H V U H X K J J O C K J R

H M O S H R R S K J R U K O 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

3. Clue: Z = E

Hard · 66 letters

P Z L B F H , D F L V P W E Z L

E P F X E P Z R L W T Z X Y X J V ,

Z U A K Z U Y L W S P E U Z Z E J D

R Z B Z X B C R J Z Y C W Z K R .

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: O = E

Expert · 67 letters

J O J N H A C Q P E T P W K O
 C A O I O N B W Q Y F V H C N K O
 P W E I O P H Q W C Q J P I E C A O
 O D C N W K C N Q W Q Y Y Q I K 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: A = I

Easy · 67 letters

I F O V P A H O C G M Z D M V G O
 A G Z A Y O M B A P I O C
 I N C C O P I : A I D M C C A O G
 O H O C T I F A P S M Z N P S
 B A I F A 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

6. Clue: A = E

Medium · 68 letters

B Y N G Y R C S U Q Y A W A K R Q

O A L D L Q E A K Q

Z R K J E U A K Z A E K Q Y A

C S Q E H L Q A V C G Q E Z A R J

Q Y A D A R D S 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

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 wordsOF 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. "Not once or twice in our rough-island story the path of duty was the way to glory."

— Alfred Tennyson, 1852, *Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington*, Stanza 8 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Rejoice in little, shun what is extreme; the ship rides safest in a little stream."

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

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

3. "Her cap, far whiter than the driven snow, Emblems right meet of decency does yield."

— William Shenstone, 1742, *The Schoolmistress*, Stanza 6 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "We wish to advance the reign of justice and reason toward the extinction of force."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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

5. "The universal cause is like a winter torrent: it carries everything along with it."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

6. "Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people?"

— Abraham Lincoln, 1861, *First Inaugural Address*

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