

Winter Cryptograms — Set 14

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: K = O

Medium · 69 letters

F D X L M I R K V Z H X H T

H X D T H Y V D I K Q D H M K T

U K Q I R D S R K G S D K U R G M

Z H G V W S Q H U I K Q

J Q K U D M M G K T .

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 = N

Medium · 69 letters

C F G I F J K Y W B Z W C I R S
 I S L I X , F K A R K I F J K F Z
 L K C S L F I C L Y , W K M
 F H W B F K W I F J K G J Y M W K M
 U W S S R K .

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: I = T

Medium · 69 letters

K Z F T F B H G Q O A J
 J S J K D F I S G K T H S A Z I Q
 I G S V F N T S B I Q Z B Q I S H ,
 E Q O A J B Q I I G K H Y S
 K B M O H I K D S ?

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: P = E

Medium · 70 letters

G A P O P Q X Z W J Q H P , G A M G

V W G A X W H W J P O M S M Z

D Q G A X A M S P , M X G W I P

R W C Z V R M K X P M Z V

Y P O R Q V Q W C 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

5. Clue: H = E

Hard · 70 letters

C V Q H Z I H K D H W J H T Z

F D H Z K D H W Q Y W ,

C V S H Y K W ! B M Y F D M

C M A H I K D T K J O I K B V Y I K

S H F V I H T Z G E M M G .

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: P = E

Medium · 70 letters

M U P O P A M E C R A U T B P T

A G Q L P E C G P K B P K A Q M H

Q Y R A , P A G P L Q T D D H

X U P Y X P T K P H E R Y N T Y I

Q Y D E B 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

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. "We must hold a man amenable to reason for the choice of his daily craft or profession."

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

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

2. "Fiction lags after truth, invention is unfruitful, and imagination cold and barren."

— Edmund Burke, 1775, *Speech on Conciliation with America, Speech on the Conciliation of America. Vol. II. p. 116 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "If a man should dedicate himself to the payment of notes, would not this be injustice?"

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

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

4. "There is no vice, that doth so cover a man with shame, as to be found false and perfidious."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

5. "License they mean when they cry, Liberty! For who loves that must first be wise and good."

— John Milton, 1673, *On the Detraction which followed upon my writing certain Treatises, which followed upon my writing certain Treatises (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "The best of us have a spice of perversity in us, especially when we are young and in love."

— Louisa May Alcott, 1868, *Little Women*

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