

Winter Cryptograms — Set 15

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: P = E

Hard · 71 letters

W N P F P I F P E P H P F I K

L M M U Q F M W P B W R M Y E

I L I R Y E W W P D Q W I W R M Y E ,

S X W W N P E X F P E W R E

B M C I F U R 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

2. Clue: S = E

Hard · 74 letters

W E S C S X Y I O

N X M S C R O A M U C Y Q Y J R

L S R M I L G C Y T O, F I X C O

T M P A Y C S J Y Z S, T M P A

Y C S X S O S C P L S C P E J Y T 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

3. Clue: Z = E

Expert · 74 letters

E T R Z Z R Z Q N J Y L O A T L Z

Z Y Q, K M O W Z S O A N

R I T P Z; O Y V Z Z Y P A J Y L ' U

P Z L U M Q Z, K M O Q Z U Z Q R Z

O A N F M C E J Z L 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

4. Clue: N = E

Expert · 74 letters

Y M F I N H G A M Y A Y M I L
 Q M I Y G L J Q P Y Z N P G
 L N H G N E Q N U G I U M Y G W N
 T A L R Z P H N M T D I H G A Q N
 P Y K M T G W N C P 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: J = E

Expert · 75 letters

J A P H Q H W G J C H B I
 F P N I D B J N X M P Q G
 B X H O H B I J O D E J H Q Q M P O
 D W I J O B M P O N J L D I X
 T M O J D K W B M P W I O D J 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

6. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 77 letters

A Q N S F Q Z Q Q E P L Y D N Q Y

D M O Q Y P Q H D D N Q I Q S Z C

U G A N X H N K M F Q Y Z I Q Z D

H S Z U Q S E S O D Q E D M

N L I S Z C Q Y F X H Q .

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. "There are several good protections against temptations, but the surest is cowardice."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

2. "A generous friendship no cold medium knows, Burns with one love, with one resentment glows."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation), Book IX. Line 725 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice; take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *Hamlet*

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

4. "No question in our country can be at rest except upon the firm base of justice and of the law."

— Benjamin Harrison, 1889, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "Equal and exact justice should characterize all our intercourse with foreign countries."

— James K. Polk, 1845, *Inaugural Address*

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

6. "We have need further to perfect the means by which Government can be adapted to human service."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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