

Winter Cryptograms — Set 16

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: I = E

Easy · 78 letters

O I E I B W A W S

U D E I B O J I O P X D J J I O X I

N O W I B S N F Q A X I F F D

H S E D B S L Z I , O D B I E I B

R S F F N X X I F F F D

X D J Q Z I P 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

2. Clue: B = A

Medium · 78 letters

D B N Z A U Q K N W U

Q D F B A D B N Q M D M X B

N W M Z L W N , B D E N Z A D K N M

B N W M Z L W N B L B Q D , B K

Q F U T U F M G U K O B N U A B D E

L B 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: D = A

Medium · 79 letters

J G A N J G A V K V S J G P T

D P Y D M V L K Q B

N J B O J A I Q E M Y Q E S

V E A Q N E X G V E Q N K D B T

P D Y, Q B E K A B D E Q J B D P

D B T P J N D 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

4. Clue: D = E

Medium · 80 letters

X W D Q E V Y B D L X S W K N W

W Q R L F X U F S D E X F

E D Q N W B I F S L

U E Q N X K N D , K B Q I S D T T

C F Y P X S K T T J Q K T X F

E D Q N W I F Y E 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

5. Clue: Z = E

Hard · 81 letters

I Z L F B Z D L B Z Y P V Q Z P O ,

H R Z K E Z P V P L H K E P B Z D T

P E E T Z V H F I F H N , H R Z

O Z I Z E D T H R Z Z P O H R ,

H R Z X P V U J Z D T F H P E 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: Y = E

Medium · 83 letters

M J X O R O C C J L C M Y

E Y G B O Q Y L C L T O E C J

L K W F E O Y D Y L C L

S P K Y E L H ? O C O R

T Y Q L P R Y M Y L E Y K B C

C J Y U Y E R B K O K D B H D Y 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

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. "Never did a government commence under auspices so favorable, nor ever was success so complete."

— James Monroe, 1817, *First Inaugural Address*

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

2. "Nature is the incarnation of a thought, and turns to a thought again, as ice becomes water and gas."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *Essays: Second Series*

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

3. "Our course should always be in conformity with strict justice and law, international and local."

— Ulysses S. Grant, 1869, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "The argument which has not power to reach my own practice, I may well doubt will fail to reach yours."

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

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

5. "Venice once was dear, The pleasant place of all festivity, The revel of the earth, the masque of Italy."

— Lord Byron, 1818, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage, Canto IV, Stanza 3* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Why is it that we rejoice at a birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the person involved."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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