

Winter Cryptograms — Set 18

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: G = E

Easy · 88 letters

O J O E G M E G S G F Y

N F L P S O F I O F P S O A

U B E C Y , O P O A P S G Q A G

B J K L B E N D Q C N E

P B F I Q G , N F Y N F O D G

Y G E N F I G K G F P B J

G M O P N M 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

2. Clue: V = E

Medium · 89 letters

Q J V Y H S N V G L V S Y V U N

Q J I Q J V J I N S H Q J U S M

D V W Q W H Z D U W V O L Q J U N

R Z V A L K U Y V N, J U N

R Z U S Y U R D V N, I S K J U N

Y H E E H S N V S N V.

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: T = E

Hard · 90 letters

F C S T T L J T V D H D M T A W

D H A T G R H E H N A

C I F A E T W W I E Y X N W D F V T

S T O N W D W M H S D M I D S T

A T G R H E D M T F A

C I F A E T W W I E Y X N W D F V 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

4. Clue: O = E

Easy · 90 letters

R V J O R X E R Q D I J R B O

R Z X G K Q U E L U X I O

O A F O Z X O H X K I O

F O J P K J E O H C G X W K L X

C G X Q O U U , P K J K Q O X W R X

Z K E O U X K U K E O Q K X G Z 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: L = E

Expert · 92 letters

K D A Z C M L R D A Z B P Z N V C H

G L M V D A L Z X L V J L B M C L A

P N L B N P E M L R L B Z V E L

L C Z X L E Q L H C B F D L B Z P E

C B L N N C M C L B Z H W

P E J V B C O L 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

6. Clue: X = E

Medium · 94 letters

L X B G X B U Z T S S Z M R P P
 A B K X E X X U, B U Z M R P P
 A X H X B V W X H E X,
 G O P W R K B W X Z M R W A B P P,
 B U Z E F W A X N S I W
 V B R W A V O P H X T B H Z W S
 D O I W R G 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

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. "If I reprehend anything in this world, it is the use of my oracular tongue, and a nice derangement of epitaphs!"

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1775, *The Rivals*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The consequence is that he has nothing left for life but his prejudices, his principles, and his common sense."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

3. "If we expect others to rely on our fairness and justice we must show that we rely on their fairness and justice."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1925, *Inaugural Address*

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

4. "A great many brave actions must be expected to be performed without witness, for one that comes to some notice."

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, *Virginibus Puerisque and Other Papers*

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

5. "Justice must not fail because the agencies of enforcement are either delinquent or inefficiently organized."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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

6. "Peace and good will have been, and will hereafter be, cultivated with all, and by the most faithful regard to justice."

— James Monroe, 1821, *Second Inaugural Address*

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