

Winter Cryptograms — Set 20

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: L = E

Easy · 103 letters

Q A L D F V R U L D H P U F E D L ,

J A L S P P R U T Y J

V Y Y P H E V J L ; L B Y L J A L O

Q E B B G V B B P D L F O P D L ,

V D T D N E J E L R

Y V H X E G E H L E D V

H P D J L U N J E F B L

Y J X T S S B L .

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: Z = E

Easy · 103 letters

V Z L X G U I G R , O T Z

B U I G O E G Z X P

M Z A P - W X F Z U D L Z D O , E M I

G X F Z D I D O I L X D W P U Z Z

L Z D O X U Z M B Z G O O T Z

U E W T O M I D V A E K Z U O E Z M

X P O T Z E U P Z A A X C M .

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: L = E

Hard · 104 letters

N U L G O Y X B D G O Y L , A O G Q

Q L H R O K G L F D Y V R L ,

A Q L H L O M M O Y L E V R V M Y L

G H B G Q A O G Q Z U R F D Q L

A L O Z Q D , V M F D U R O F

N B F F O M Z V Z V O M D G

L T N G I N H V O D L .

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: C = E

Medium · 104 letters

A U J U Q Y S Q

C M D C Q U O U B L P N L P O U R C

U P O E C V U A P O

P Y V C J L Y A Q B V V A C C Q B X ,

O E C K Y P U P B V Y W W

B A Q C A C Q W U K C A O F , O E C

Z U O Y W V B A R C B V

D A B J A C P 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

5. Clue: S = T

Hard · 105 letters

Z W Z P L H Q Z D Q S R Z

X H P C E F Q H X M S R I S S R Z

M H B S H W Z P N H T Z M S R Z

R I P E , I Q E S R Z X Z I F S R Z

M S P H Q K , U V S Q H H Q Z D M

I U C Z S H N I P P L D S H V S

D Q Y P I N S D N Z .

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: K = E

Easy · 106 letters

L Z K W D J C N C E T

I K P K N D X K P L

R C A K T P J K P L D G L Z K

D J Y T C A K J K P L C N L Z K

Y K C Y V K D P K A K T Q

G L W L D C P W P U L Z K

W J K V D C T W L D C P C N

L Z K D T X C P U D L D C 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. "When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

— Edmund Burke, 1770, *Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents*, Vol. I. p. 526 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Democracy, the practice of self-government, is a covenant among free men to respect the rights and liberties of their fellows."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1939, *State of the Union Address*

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

3. "Poetic Justice, with her lifted scale, Where in nice balance truth with gold she weighs, And solid pudding against empty praise."

— Alexander Pope, 1728, *The Dunciad*, Book I. Line 52 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Rigid and expeditious justice is the first safeguard of freedom, the basis of all ordered liberty, the vital force of progress."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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

5. "Every one in the world knows that the soft overcomes the hard, and the weak the strong, but no one is able to carry it out in practice."

— Laozi, 1891, *Tao Te Ching* (James Legge translation, 1891)

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

6. "The aim of our beneficent Government is the improvement of the people in every station and the amelioration of their condition."

— Grover Cleveland, 1885, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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