

Winter Cryptograms — Set 21

6 puzzles · Large 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: R = E

Medium · 107 letters

U I L A R Q I V M M P W A

P R H A K V M L C R A I R

J M V Y T, P W K B W W F

Y W O D R P Q V A R J V F L P

O V P, V J Q W M N R I L O

Q W : M L E R ' Q

J H Q L P R Q Q J R L P B

Z H Q A A I R A R K K L J M R

Y I W L Y 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

2. Clue: B = E

Medium · 108 letters

D I B J P Q I S P B G B Q W

V D G J P F S G B F J

C B F U , J D O F W W J P R

U Q T B Q I J G Y J P F I C

A Y W J Q Z B , V Q J P F

K B I B M D U B I J

C Q W O D W Q J Q D I B M B I

J D U Q F G W F I C

Y I A Y W J X B 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

3. Clue: V = E

Easy · 109 letters

L Y J V R P V Z X V H U U Q

D J L F O D J H D D J V X V

L Z F P R L Z D L F W D L P F

S V D C V V F N L X D M V

H F R N L W V, C J Q, Z L X,

C J V F J V U V H N V Z

P M X J P M Z V Z U V D M Z

W P M F D P M X Z E P P F 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

4. Clue: T = A

Easy · 113 letters

T P T M K T R K T D G Z U ,

T M Z R K T R D G Z U W X

O G M E W M C Z R G T

V I T O C ; D Q R N K C F C

E F W C M Z X K W V W X ,

T I I G E E W O C X G E

I W E C T F C T X W R

N C F C J F T M R C Z R G

K W P , T M Z K W X

Z C V Q R U .

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: G = E

Medium · 115 letters

D S T P V Z W G R P X W

H G J F V Z G H W L S P E T G

R H N S P P U

L J C R Q V M G E R Q E R H

S Q V F G J H R P P U

V Q Z L J D L J R X G E

V Q X L L S J

C L F G J Q K G Q X R P

H U H X G K R H V H

D S T P V Z G E S Z R X V 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: W = E

Medium · 116 letters

V G W W N W U C V X Z J C J E

S B M X K X P C V X Z J Z K

V G W P X U X N R W M U X P W

Z K V G W T Z U W M J I W J V

Q X N N F W G C X N W E

Q X V G C S S M Z U C N F O

V G W Q G Z N W S W Z S N W

Z K V G W B J X V W E

R V C V W 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

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. "White shall not neutralize the black, nor good Compensate bad in man, absolve him so: Life's business being just the terrible choice."

— Robert Browning, 1869, *The Ring and the Book, The Pope*. Line 1236 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "One thing here is worth a great deal, to pass thy life in truth and justice, with a benevolent disposition even to liars and unjust men."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations* (George Long translation, 1862)

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

3. "If he does really think that there is no distinction between virtue and vice, why, sir, when he leaves our houses let us count our spoons."

— Samuel Johnson, 1791, *Boswell, Life of Johnson, Life of Johnson (Boswell)*. Vol. II. Chap. V. 1763 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "A man hath a body, and that body is confined to a place; but where friendship is, all offices of life are as it were granted to him, and his deputy."

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

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

5. "Public health service should be as fully organized and as universally incorporated into our governmental system as is public education."

— Herbert Hoover, 1929, *Inaugural Address*

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

6. "The elevation and purification of the civil service of the Government will be hailed with approval by the whole people of the United States."

— *Ulysses S. Grant, 1870, Second Annual Message to Congress*

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