

Work Cryptograms — Set 1

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: N = E

Expert · 40 letters

P I N E N O V D F X C H W O D

P I N U , S F E P I O V A F U N V

H S P N E L F E Y .

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: K = T

Hard · 41 letters

T O Q H Q F U K F Y K S Q X D U Q J

K U Y E X Y K T S O K S F T S V F

K T N T Q E .

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: Q = O

Expert · 42 letters

N Y R Q F Z Q F C J W V D T

R Q F A Z Q A G N C C J Q B T ,

O V R X T Y Q A T W V B J .

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: K = E

Medium · 43 letters

I L K V B U I K N ' U K R K Y S D D

M F V F N K Y F N H I L B X

Q F I L L S U L B X M 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: B = E

Hard · 43 letters

O M B N M E U K F X K I L M F G

B X B Q V T E G A P O O M B

T I U W I L E Q I Q B X 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

6. Clue: V = T

Expert · 43 letters

Y V Y J T K V V P W H K T S

R G N , F A V V P W P W G C V

V P G V R K W J V P W Q K C E .

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 wordsOF 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 is no play in them, for this comes after work."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "Our greatest primary task is to put people to work."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933, *First Inaugural Address*

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

3. "If you would have your work ill done, pay beforehand."

— Italian proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

4. "The master's eye will do more work than both his hands."

— English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, *Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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

5. "The charging of his enemy was but the work of a moment."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1605, *Don Quixote, Part I, Book I. Chap. VIII* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "It is not the long day, but the heart that does the work."

— Italian proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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