

Work Cryptograms — Set 2

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: A = E

Hard · 44 letters

H S A G A J A U L D G A F V G R N

S V N D H G Z B N V G A N N Q S A

H D U W V N R D G 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: L = I

Hard · 45 letters

E Q E S D C E D L W J N W A ,

E S G L S Z N L W L D L P I , L W

X M Q Q M S B A I S P L M N 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

3. Clue: V = T

Hard · 45 letters

V Q P K W R X Y V Q P J X W P R A

 D G G F Z E J V Q V Q P C R V G C

 G V Q P X Z ' E G X 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: O = R

Expert · 46 letters

V Y F S H O E D I A F O H D O

 R N W H D O P O H S Z ,

 R D B D O U H D Z W X

 O F Z V O N U I 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

5. Clue: Z = O

Medium · 46 letters

D V D Y Y G V D Y P G J V D Z B V Z

G H G B V Z E Z V K S X A Z X S A

L Z A U Y Z P G H G B .

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: N = E

Medium · 47 letters

C Q T C C F T N C T B N ' O

I N U F E O H M N V C R Q X

I U F I N F B N U F Q O M A O

H F U 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

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)

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Answer key

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1. "When every one minds his own business the work is done."

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

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

2. "A man that is busy, and inquisitive, is commonly envious."

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

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

3. "They lard their lean books with the fat of others' works."

— Robert Burton, 1621, *The Anatomy of Melancholy, Democritus to the Reader* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The work under our labour grows, Luxurious by restraint."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost, Book IX. Line 208* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "It is satisfaction to a man to do the proper works of a man."

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

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

6. "On poor people's beards the young barber learns his trade."

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

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