

Work Cryptograms — Set 9

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: B = E

Expert · 74 letters

C B F K B G F A B D N

B L F O O B K F D B D R B

U G M N K D F X Z B N Y C R F D

C N K T C B A N ; F X A E B D

R N C G I Z R U V X N D A N X B

W E 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

2. Clue: Q = N

Medium · 75 letters

J Z Q V X H D , U P F P U C H D , P Q G

C Q G K X H O D P O V Q Z A J V O V

T Z O V C Q G C X F V Q X P R B V

H J P Q C Q F K R B C U

V T F B Z D T V Q H .

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 = E

Easy · 77 letters

X Y Q N M O J U N Q P S Z T P F Q

A X D Q P S J T O O S L Q

O T F J W J Y Y Q W X P A

X S R Q O Y , M W J R M Q W X S U

P Q Z Q R R T W X O U Y J O O J K 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

4. Clue: O = E

Hard · 77 letters

K P S H E P W H C Q R W Z E Y O

N T M H E Q N W P X Q T, P R J

K Q M W J R O D O T Y P D O

O F H C E O J H N W P X Q T Y P J

R Q E N H T C E O F H C E O 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

5. Clue: L = N

Easy · 79 letters

A G Y V F L A N F I I R L K

R L A Y I I R K Y L V Y

D L M Y N B A X L M B R A B F S L

L X A D N Y , X L M S G X A R A

M F Y B , X L M S G Y N Y F L R A

S F N U 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: J = A

Easy · 80 letters

J E J D Y T B X I I Y U H J S
 K T F I J F V D R W V D J I V Y D
 W H J S F X V E ; M Y U A X J I X H
 U H J S F J F J I J F Z A V W W
 S Y X V E W V I I W H B Y Y S .

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. "We are made to exaggerate the importance of what work we do; and yet how much is not done by us!"

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

2. "Honesty, capacity, and industry are nowhere more indispensable than in public employment."

— William McKinley, 1901, *Second Inaugural Address*

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

3. "If employment can be given to all the labor offering itself, prosperity necessarily follows."

— Ulysses S. Grant, 1874, *Sixth Annual Message to Congress*

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

4. "Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed."

— Abraham Lincoln, 1861, *First Annual Message to Congress*

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

5. "The controlling Intelligence understands its own nature, and what it does, and whereon it works."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*, VI. 5 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "A man ought to read just as inclination leads him; for what he reads as a task will do him little good."

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

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