

Work Cryptograms — Set 13

5 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: J = O

Medium · 95 letters

S J G N K V W J I X S W X

P A C U J H A P B R X G S J A R S P

G J V U Z F K U U X W Z U P, K B Z

G S J T I X R U H W B V P R I V B

P X R P P A X R S K R D I X H

G J V U Z K B W Z U P V R J 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

2. Clue: H = O

Medium · 96 letters

J Z Z I R W D N Q I H S N W F V H P

K A H S M J P N C W U Z J K H S N P

I R W G J F I M W P W S J I N H P

R J D W K W W P V H P I R S H X M R

I R W F X G G H S I H B G X K Z N Q

H G N P N H 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

3. Clue: T = E

Medium · 96 letters

Z T J P M Y H U Q J B B Q T F

Y T I T Z U Z V B T, N D L B

C M C B T T Y A M Y D B T L,

Q D P P K T D E B Q T M Z U V Z O,

J Y P U M B Q J U T K K - X Z T P

U Q M L E T Z S K V L T B Q T

L S T Y T.

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: B = S

Easy · 96 letters

U L Z L Y B U T H K T W

A P U Y T A B , Y A U L Z B Z A B Z

Y A F L Y J L Y O B Z U L Z

F T H Q , Y B T W U Z A V Z B U

B U O Q Y Z Q Y A F T H E B A T U

C H T W Z B B Z Q G K

L Y B U T H Y J P G .

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 = E

Easy · 97 letters

X O S S A A S L X D M G X O D L C

D A X O M X X O S T F N Z

A O F Y G B C F J F N T M N B

Y L B S N X O S H S A X

E F A A D H G S E G M L , M L B

T D X O X O S G S M A X

E F A A D H G S B S G M 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

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. "How various his employments whom the world calls idle, and who justly in return Esteems that busy world an idler too!"

— William Cowper, 1785, *The Task, Book III. The Garden. Line 352* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "All the victories won by organized labor in the past generation have been won through the support of public opinion."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1925, *State of the Union Address*

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

3. "Reading what they never wrote, Just fifteen minutes, huddle up their work, And with a well-bred whisper close the scene."

— William Cowper, 1785, *The Task, Book II. The Timepiece. Line 411* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "The history of nations, in the sense in which I use the word, is often best studied in works not professedly historical."

— Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1824, *On Mitford's History of Greece. 1824* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "The essential thing is that the work should go forward under the best possible plan, and with the least possible delay."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1908, *Eighth Annual Message to Congress*

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