

Action Cryptograms — Set 3

4 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: D = E

Medium · 56 letters

P D J G D P O J Q P D

G D R D J Q D A W S A U .

D B E D W W D X E D , Q O D X , K H

X U Q J X J E Q , N T Q J

O J N K 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

2. Clue: Z = T

Hard · 58 letters

M O Z I C F A S J E Z N S W A N Z ,
 J Q X Z B O Q I C F E J Q
 X W N Z C A Z Z B O P J N P F E B
 J N I C F G D O J N 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

3. Clue: U = E

Hard · 65 letters

R F S F M H A V U M N X W A M N Z U
 V A L U S N A F M F H W F J L
 V L U G Q B . X A Y U N Z U X A H U
 W F J Z G Y U A Q G R A M U 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

4. Clue: D = A

Hard · 70 letters

S P D N Q C Q F L M G U D O V M
 M F V F Q D J L M G U D O ,
 W Q Y R O R N . W M I V O Q E E
 P D E Y Q O R G E , Z M S Q F D O V
 J D Y R U R O R 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)

Answer key

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1. "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

— Will Durant (*Will Durant, summarising Aristotle. Often quoted as Aristotle's own words; it is not.*), 1926, *The Story of Philosophy*

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

2. "Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please."

— Mark Twain (*A remark recorded second-hand by an interviewer; the exact wording varies between accounts.*), 1899, *reported in an interview*

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

3. "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

— Henry David Thoreau (*Paraphrased from Walden. Thoreau's own wording differs.*), 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it."

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 1835, *John Anster translation of Faust*

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