

Character Cryptograms — Set 1

6 puzzles · Large 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: C = O

Expert · 41 letters

F C G H J O N Q J O F H

T Q X J O S F P D O H X Q G

O F H I C C U C T

Z Q J A C E .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 52 letters

T L O K Z C Q D Q M Z

K B D Z L M P G B C P

L V Q G K T F L K L P Q Q X

D L C O F Q G I X V Z . V Z

Q C 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

3. Clue: R = E

Medium · 56 letters

N R Z J R N K Z O N R

J R X R Z O R L I A L D .

R P S R I I R E S R , O K R E ,

U G E D O Z E Z S O , F W O

Z K Z F U 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

4. Clue: R = O

Medium · 57 letters

E C V C Y S S Q Z V O O R X

N R K U W Q X V T V S V Z T O

K S R Z E C V I K Y W Q E N

R X N R K U E C R K L C E 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

5. Clue: J = O

Hard · 57 letters

Q M M J O F Q H Z T F H B

U Z E J S W J J K

P D Q V F H R F S R J D

Z M H Z Z U R J D Y J T E

Y Z I D H Q H F J 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

6. Clue: K = T

Hard · 80 letters

G Q D E K E C G Q D E K ,

Q F V F B K K B D H

T Z P F Y B P K B T K G H

X E F V B X D J Q F J O Q F ,

D P K N B Q L H V

V B X F C K Q E M C Q C K H S

Q K Q K E O 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

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. "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1819, *Letter to Nathaniel Macon*

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

2. "Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*

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

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

4. "The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations*

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

5. "Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation."

— George Washington, 1748, *Rules of Civility*

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

6. "Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed downstairs a step at a time."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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