

Hard Cryptograms — Set 4

5 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: A = O

Hard · 57 letters

V U U A W Q V J I N Q J O

D I X A E Y A A M

T S V B Q J Z Q E Z A S

I U J I I D Z A S P A N X

P I K S J V J Q A X .

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: P = T

Hard · 58 letters

A W P U X E G J D I P Q

J K G Q P, D H L P Y W H

U X E I D H L K Q P X G P

P Y W T D Q T E I Y D Q

U X E F O W D Q 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: R = T

Hard · 59 letters

R A M P N L P W R S L

F H F L W R R S P X E P X

R S L Q A F M Z . B A W R

T L A T M L L Y P W R , H X Z

R S H R P W H M M .

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: W = E

Hard · 65 letters

I L Q L D V F T W D B K P F D

B G W T F X W Q B F L D L V

P L J X T X W N H U . K F S W

B G W K F V W P L J G N S W

F H N I F D W 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

5. Clue: V = L

Hard · 67 letters

L P T U R P T L C U H D N Z
F P J U Y T G V N L , D N O T
E T N E V T G W C V H
L J V V D J U H N R P T B D
G W C V H L C U H O C V V D .

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

— George Washington, 1748, *Rules of Civility*

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

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

3. "To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, and that is all."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Soul of Man Under Socialism*

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

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

5. "When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills."

— Proverb, 1900, *Chinese proverb*

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