

Hard Cryptograms — Set 5

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: S = E

Hard · 70 letters

J U Q O K T H T A S P O W C

V A P S H E S X U K S

V B S A K T S O V B H ; V B S

I O N A O W V W S I S K

V O H V S U X T S O V B

E Z V U W J 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

2. Clue: I = A

Hard · 70 letters

G D I K W P W Z V T A E I Q

U T T Z U Z W I H V T A

E I Q, L W C M Q M K.

L T B U Q W Y Y D I Y

C W Q M A Y, S T G W Z I Q U

H I C M E M Q M K.

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: M = T

Hard · 71 letters

C F W P C F S M L B W T

M W B G M C W L , B J P

I B A T F L K C L T M Q T

U C C P H T C Z M I G U Q M

H G J , S E Z T B W G J U M C

B M M T I X 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: G = A

Hard · 73 letters

A G D G F U G M G C Z Y W

P W X Z J D O E W Z Y G Z

I O A W S A A W D X O X

Z Y W V Y G F V W Z S

M S D T Y G D U G Z M S D T

M S D Z Y U S O F L .

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: P = T

Hard · 80 letters

L K I N P N Z L K I N P ,

K C Y C D P P D I R

H U V C T D V P D H P L R

G N C Y D G I W K C W Q K C ,

I V P B D K A R Y

Y D G C Z P K N M Z K Z P R E

K P K P N Q 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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. "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once."

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Julius Caesar*

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

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

3. "Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Measure for Measure*

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

4. "Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

— Theodore Roosevelt, 1903, *Labor Day speech, Syracuse*

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

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