

Hope 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: U = T

Medium · 42 letters

Q G U U G Z U I B L A W U F

E F X R B G U W F X U I

E D Z T G U W G

R F Z N X G T 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

2. Clue: I = H

Expert · 46 letters

I N W V M X E I V E I M Q R
A M E I B V Z E I V G X
E I Z E W V G J I V X M Q
E I V X N S 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

3. Clue: G = E

Medium · 55 letters

U B B U G H W S W G R G W W
H U V X H W N B Y R O N X B
R H Z X V G U W V X G
E S Y O G U W B P
J U B V X G Y .

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: X = E

Hard · 65 letters

T S R S D P F O X D J G C F D

J E X O F H X R J F S D S P

C S N H O H X W U Y . G F A X

J E X G F P X C S N E W A X

F U W T F D X 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: D = E

Hard · 70 letters

L E Z M D T D H A G I F Z Y

C G G H C H D Z P A G I

F Z Y, S D N W Y W M.

S G U C Y D O O E Z O

N D Y W I O, X G L D H Z Y C

P Z N W F W Y W 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

6. Clue: M = E

Medium · 122 letters

V L M L M G R L V Z P F

R K M O V B M Q K M O A L M E

O Q E S M U V N M K M Q D V

O V V O G Q M E P F

Z W E E M Q J I G R L V,

P W V V L M F, N L G I M

V L M G K A D B U O Q G D Q Z

Z I M U V, N M K M

V D G I G Q R W U N O K E G Q

V L M Q G R L 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

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. "Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

— *Proverb, 1900, traditional proverb*

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

2. "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul."

— *Emily Dickinson, 1891, Poems, Second Series*

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

3. "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

— *Charles Dickens, 1865, Our Mutual Friend*

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

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

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

6. "The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night."

— *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1858, The Ladder of St. Augustine*

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