

Nature Cryptograms — Set 1

7 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

Medium · 50 letters

B J S A W C E I M M A H A

J E R M , H A E P A I G . B J

S A W C E I M M A H A

J E N , H A M A H G M Q G 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

2. Clue: G = T

Medium · 51 letters

S Z I L Z J I D E G K K

Z W Q K E G D F G D G C Z F B

L Y L E G K G D S V

J L E Z K H J S M D U K H G .

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

Easy · 59 letters

L O T R A X C G X F S

C U Q R A C P , C L R G H X S

F P R K R S R J U T R .

K L U C ' P U P F A T O U Q

O A C L R P L U T 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

4. Clue: A = E

Medium · 62 letters

Y N A C A W Y Y U L A Y F

Q R I G Y I Y J A A Z I W

Y Z A G Y T T A I J W I O F .

Y N A W A B F G P C A W Y

Y U L A U W G F 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

5. Clue: O = T

Medium · 64 letters

J O J H E W O G E W P S U

O W Z G Z P H R ; H W V L G

O U G V E O H . O U G

Y P G H O J W E J H : C U V O

V L G C G Z P H R V Z W P 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

6. Clue: N = E

Hard · 70 letters

Y A H M Q I G I S N C M O V

X S C N G D N L A Q N

X Z N S Q I N M X Z G ; X Z N

R M K S M O X O N R N Q

X M G X N A L I N M X Z

D T X A O Y N .

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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7. Clue: H = A

Easy · 92 letters

Z X Z K H X A T X R

T Y Z U S A K H F F D

H N L Y V B F S E O S E ,

X R H X H K Z Y O F S G H Y

Z Y M V K K S K K Z V Y V C

H O V V E C V A X T Y S ,

G T K X P S Z Y B H Y X V C

H B Z C 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

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. "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

— *Proverb, 1900, African proverb*

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

2. "Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1892, Lady Windermere's Fan*

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

3. "Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?"

— *Benjamin Franklin, 1750, Poor Richard's Almanack*

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

4. "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now."

— *Proverb, 1900, Chinese proverb*

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

5. "It is not enough to be busy; so are the ants. The question is: what are we busy about?"

— *Henry David Thoreau, 1857, Letter to Harrison Blake*

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

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

— *William Shakespeare, 1599, Julius Caesar*

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

7. "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

— Jane Austen, 1813, *Pride and Prejudice*

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