

Nature Cryptograms — Set 5

6 puzzles · Standard 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: I = N

Medium · 42 letters

F Y ' M Q A B U M U I Y Y W A W W O
 W I Y E B K U F I , S E B I W I B
 M Y U I G M G K P .

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: O = N

Hard · 42 letters

U G D U L H K T G O J L O
 F L H O W G Q H E X R O O G Q G M
 D R O J L X X R K H L 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

3. Clue: Q = E

Hard · 42 letters

Y C Q Z N C Q N L Q Q O G T T V

Q F Q L X P G Z R E Q V Y A N C

C A V C G N B C Q 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

4. Clue: P = O

Medium · 42 letters

A P K P W Z S J R G J L B Y

N P X R J R B L P P A Z P N C

B M X B J A P M B R P L U ?

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: H = E

Expert · 43 letters

Z M C A P H Y Z B T A R C M Z N R

T Z C L H K H P B K H P I H T W

L H P X T Z W Y Z 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

6. Clue: N = T

Hard · 43 letters

C N C Q K G U D Q D B N N Y R L N

N M Y B W Q Y X D B Y N M U T

H D B ' Q G U D N M U 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

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 wordsOF 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. "It's pleasant to look on the rain, when one stands dry."

— Dutch proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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

2. "He who is bent on doing evil can never want occasion."

— Publilius Syrus, 42 BC, *Sententiae (Maxims)*, 459 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "When the tree falls every man goes with his hatchet."

— English proverb, 1859, Recorded in Walter K. Kelly, *Proverbs of All Nations, Compared, Explained, and Illustrated* (London, 1859)

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

4. "Do you think I was born in a wood to be afraid of an owl?"

— Jonathan Swift, 1738, *Polite Conversation, Dialogue I* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Nature in you stands on the very verge of her confine."

— William Shakespeare, 1606, *King Lear, Act II. Sc. 4* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "It is pleasant to cut thongs of another man's leather."

— Dutch proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, *A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs* (London, 1857)

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