

Nature Cryptograms — Set 16

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: O = E

Expert · 50 letters

J R C O H O S Z S L B J Y Y J O

W F I U G P W J L I O, X O G H O

I R Y P R F S V X R G T G Y

J R U 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

2. Clue: J = O

Medium · 50 letters

Y K A O D P N J D E M O M N J D

J O D M P X L P M, Y J A N J D

J A I P D M; A J R P, Y J A A J

M P P E .

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: P = E

Expert · 50 letters

K C U X I A P F O X P K M U E P C

I A P D P P P L I C O V I F

A U T P Z O T Y I A P E O F R

N O 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: H = E

Medium · 50 letters

C H N H H Z A Q L E S H

B Q Z C H K N E S X E X K H

D A T H K Z D K B H H E W A E S H

I H X T Z C 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

5. Clue: E = T

Medium · 50 letters

E P T W K O A M G I A E C W R T E
E P I V T C Z I H W P K O I E K M
G K W E H M A V I O K T W W I 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: L = T

Hard · 51 letters

M Y E G J Y U L B Q F L Y L B G
O Q W B L Y J L B Q F W I , O G L
F V L K U G S G N Y K U
L G V M B G 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

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. "However bright the sun may shine, leave not your cloak at home."

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

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

2. "Nature forms us for ourselves, not for others; to be, not to seem."

— Michel de Montaigne, 1580, *Essays*, Book II, Chap. XXXVII. *Of the Resemblance of Children to their Brothers* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "From the same flower the bee extracts honey and the wasp gall."

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

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

4. "We see only the flowers that are under our feet in the meadows."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1862, *Walking*

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

5. "Thus ornament is but the guiled shore to a most dangerous sea."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act III. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Come forth into the light of things, Let Nature be your teacher."

— William Wordsworth, 1798, *Lyrical Ballads*, *The Tables Turned* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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