

Nature Cryptograms — Set 29

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: H = E

Expert · 62 letters

Z F H M Y N H I F Y D F S Z F H P C

Q E K M H Z G C L H C Z S I, E B J

R Y A H Z S N E O H I F E Z I H

Z S B E Z G P H S I 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

2. Clue: C = O

Medium · 62 letters

X S J X C K Y L S D K C F S C T

V C R N X Y G X S Z D J C G N,

S Z N X S F K S Y G D N C Q X S Y N

V C R C F J Y G N D V C 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

3. Clue: H = T

Medium · 62 letters

O C J E O R Z J H H K H V L Q A W

L E H C , Q B N L E H H K H V

H Q A W L E H C , Q B N

R A J Q O Q B H , H V V , H V

H C E B W V B .

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: O = N

Medium · 62 letters

H O H Z Z H O Q Q Z H C Q S Z H G

H O A C G C O Q U K

Y O C M K Z G H N J S Z N X , S Z

C O T Z H O P K , S Z C O

K O F N H O X !

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: W = S

Medium · 62 letters

N X P F O U E P W N L N D H J

D J N D L N X D W T R D J

J N X F W , N W Y W U O U W W P K

P D S R U W N W P K P D

W D N X F W .

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: H = T

Hard · 62 letters

W E P F Q D J R V D H Q Q I F H S

F H B G F H Q B Z B V F I V I S ,

H T K B B H H Q B F P J P G T J

H Q B P G A I J Z A I V J .

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. "The life which others pay let us bestow, And give to fame what we to nature owe."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation)*, Book XII. Line 393 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "He who makes more of you than he is wont, either means to cheat you or wants you."

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

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

3. "She is pretty to walk with, And witty to talk with, And pleasant, too, to think on."

— Sir John Suckling, 1646, *Brennoralt*, Act II (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "An arrant traitor as any is in the universal world, or in France, or in England!"

— William Shakespeare, 1599, *King Henry V*, Act IV. Sc. 8 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "An idler is a watch that wants both hands, As useless if it goes as if it stands."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782)*, Retirement. Line 681 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Brushing with hasty steps the dewes away, To meet the sun upon the upland lawn."

— Thomas Gray, 1751, *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*, *Elegy in a Country Churchyard*. Stanza 25 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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