

Nature Cryptograms — Set 30

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: K = E

Medium · 63 letters

J C K V F L U E O P M H

T U E O Q K J K H F C H T S B F K

B G C B E K T J G H S K J C H E

T C K V V U E O T K H T B G

O B F K .

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: D = E

Medium · 63 letters

L Q D G D J G D J U E G L E T

 Y D H F Q E U D O M U J N D U I E

 K G D J Y J H I Y J H L V D V M B D

 J U L J H I M H N Z E H I .

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: Z = E

Hard · 63 letters

Z Q U C Z K Z L D M M R U G C Z

 Z A G R B H F F V N C F V G P Z ;

 Z Q U C Z K Z L D M K R M

 P F M P G C U F H Z M Z C R B

 G L 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

4. Clue: V = E

Medium · 63 letters

C O J V L J V J C V J B V A L X V

E A F G H M D C V J B V A L X V

L B B P O L H Q V L A V

A V P O V K V C , F A H F X L X

L P 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

5. Clue: T = E

Medium · 64 letters

I Z T T P Q S Y U S A T M P V T P I

C R I S X T T J S J T P I Z T

S J J S M I G P C I H Y S M E

V S M T E D G P Q E P I F C Y 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

6. Clue: P = R

Medium · 64 letters

C F P B R P J Q L G V C

P B H L P ' Q G P B R C V L D D J K

F P B R P J Q L K C Q O J W B R ,

C M N B O K C Q M J O W B M U

R J P L .

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. "The drying up a single tear has more of honest fame than shedding seas of gore."

— Lord Byron, 1819, *Don Juan*, Canto VIII. Stanza 3 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "There are a sort of men whose visages do cream and mantle like a standing pond."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Extremes in Nature equal good produce; Extremes in man concur to general use."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays*, Epistle III. Line 161 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Diseases desperate grown by desperate appliance are relieved, Or not at all."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act IV. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "The end of government is to keep open the opportunity for a more abundant life."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1928, *State of the Union Address*

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

6. "A primrose by a river's brim a yellow primrose was to him, And it was nothing more."

— William Wordsworth, 1819, *Peter Bell*, Part I. Stanza 12 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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