

Nature Cryptograms — Set 36

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: E = A

Hard · 68 letters

J Q D T Q X X B C R E R Q S O

B E T J K E S U Z E O O E F B

O J M C , E C K J Q G K R J B N S

I E S R J N C F T E C K G B R Q

R J B O M C .

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

Easy · 68 letters

L , O G O R X W K X U U X F G G L

J Z A X Z P O Z F G ' R

R G D X F P G J ; I N G O G O R

G M D Z F F L N R G L N R X O G

U O B X Z P O Z F 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: Z = A

Medium · 68 letters

H D C D W S X Z J Q F R D J Z

K Q Y Y Q J ; Y I Q Y I N H P N F ,

Y D C Q Z K G Z S F I Z O O S

G N Y I O K Q Z F Z H Y

X D B O Z H N D H F .

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 = E

Easy · 68 letters

N Z P W V P P N F I E U N B M P

X W Y F Q P ; A P N , X I X Z U Q P

U I M X P E K X U C

N F M C P E N P K R A C A

X C H P M I P G N X F E 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

5. Clue: Z = I

Expert · 68 letters

H I S R Z B V Y Z F Z H O L N

G T H E U S Z R G L H H I T H

C I Z F I B T O S T R Z Y O Q S

U S T K , Q E H Z R

Z G S D I T E R H Z Q Y 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

6. Clue: M = T

Medium · 68 letters

Y W U M A H Z G S F M A S H Z L ,

Z L B Y Z L M W D V M M A S

D S T T W Y ; M A S U S F M V F

Z T T K J M T S Z M A S U W U

C U J L S T T 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

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. "How commentators each dark passage shun, And hold their farthing candle to the sun."

— Edward Young, 1728, *Love of Fame, the Universal Passion, Satire VII. Line 97* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "O, it is excellent to have a giant's strength; but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Measure for Measure, Act II. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Nobody cares for a letter; the thing is, to be always happy with pleasant companions."

— Jane Austen, 1815, *Emma*

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

4. "The sweet of nature is love; yet, if I have a friend I am tormented by my imperfections."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

5. "The simplicity of nature is not that which may easily be read, but is inexhaustible."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841, *Essays: First Series*

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

6. "Worth makes the man, and want of it the fellow; The rest is all but leather or prunello."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle IV. Line 203* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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