

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 35

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: Q = T

Easy · 68 letters

G , J Q J Y L S W L Z Z L U Q Q G

F D I L D K J D U Q ' Y

Y Q H L U K Q F ; X T Q J Q J Y

Q P H D U U G T Y Q G T Y L J Q

Z J V L D K J D U Q .

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 = E

Easy · 68 letters

G J B J Q W K J B , T C Q

X J K K J B R S B M O K G Q C

K G T N , T N G Q M M O J N T B J

P S B J M S I J Q C O

F C S R M J O H J S W L S 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

3. Clue: H = E

Expert · 68 letters

B I Q E U Y P F H , B I Y Q J H

K C F W H W E I B R E H B Q D I T

O Y C B G H D , D J U F F

I R Q F C N H Q J C D

O I M H Y T R F Y J Z E 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

4. Clue: F = E

Medium · 68 letters

L J E R T L W Q W V E N R M F ,

J E H G S F U L G X F T R Z V O F

J R T X X F U ' R L Z G T H ,

K V Q W G T Q G T U R Y F L V J Z

K G E H F 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: K = L

Easy · 68 letters

C X J M U G E M B J U U H R K S K O

M V C K K M V H B C M M U J U V H

Y T J G E R , C E R C K K U V H

L J T K R M V C K K X J G T E

V H 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: H = E

Hard · 69 letters

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

2. "Hereafter, in a better world than this, I shall desire more love and knowledge of you."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Not marble, nor the gilded monuments of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme."

— William Shakespeare, 1609, *Sonnets*, LV (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Can such things be, And overcome us like a summer's cloud, Without our special wonder?"

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

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

5. "A most unspotted lily shall she pass to the ground, and all the world shall mourn her."

— William Shakespeare, 1592, *King Henry VI, II. Act V. Sc. 5* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "He that is stricken blind cannot forget the precious treasure of his eyesight lost."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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