

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 40

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

Easy · 74 letters

H A N J S K F Y V Q Y Z O , S C

J K P P O G ' J G N T O R N R E

S G O X H A , P X C T G Y Z O X

S O X K H O Y K J V Q Y I O G

I A O R R O D H I O P O O 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: L = R

Medium · 75 letters

A U T G U T L X Z M T J R L

C X L T, X Z T J L G U R L J X L,

G U T T D G L J S J O J Z G J Z Y

T L L X Z O M F X L X G U X T M G R

U X M I R Z C X Z 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

3. Clue: O = E

Hard · 75 letters

J F T U O O P Q Y P J F D Z O

Y J W S F U P U F C O H O M X J

H O Y U F J, Z M A O U T O O P

D O Z Z U L Y J X Z O W, F B P F K

P B J O Y J W Q Y H 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

4. Clue: A = T

Medium · 76 letters

K A H Y T Y C H Y L L U A A G U

A Q K F Z S I S N Q U E V C K T G

E Y A K S E , K I A G U L G Y M U Y

V S S X A G K E V A S B Y Z U K A

A S S F S B B S 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

5. Clue: C = T

Medium · 76 letters

O E D M C ' M K L R M K D L V C A

J V D M V W C X D D O L R N X V H

C X O C X D O L M V C , W D T D L

V W C X D C R W Y Q D R N X V H

C X O C H O Z D M V 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

6. Clue: I = E

Easy · 77 letters

Y P V I J H J M X S K S E Z Y I

Z E B P M I B B Z S E M K, P

B X J M K P M F J E B I C O I N I

P B O J Y Y R P N B X Z I L P M,

J M K Z S X O M I L Y I G 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

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. "This bud of love, by summer's ripening breath, May prove a beauteous flower when next we meet."

— William Shakespeare, 1595, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Whether in sea or fire, in earth or air, The extravagant and erring spirit hies to his confine."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Now see that noble and most sovereign reason, Like sweet bells jangled, out of tune and harsh."

— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "It was alway yet the trick of our English nation, if they have a good thing to make it too common."

— William Shakespeare, 1598, *King Henry IV, Part II*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "A jest's prosperity lies in the ear of him that hears it, never in the tongue of him that makes it."

— William Shakespeare, 1597, *Love's Labour's Lost*, Act V. Sc. 2 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Like a man to double business bound, I stand in pause where I shall first begin, And both neglect."

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

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