

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 41

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 = E

Easy · 78 letters

Y V Q W V Q T N H Q N Z , V Q T N

 K G T Z Z G Q Y E S N Q Z V K W K

 L K W ; K W J Y V Q W V Q T N

 Y E S N Z , V Q T N G T Z Z G Q

 H Q Z Z Q S Z V K W K H Q K N 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

2. Clue: J = E

Medium · 80 letters

H G Q B X W H N H G Q J Q J

K J W P G N Q B X , Q B X T P O W F

L J J T B C J N J F C H E F P B G

H F Q B X C W J J R L F W H G

D B C F X G J L K J D B C J Q B 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

3. Clue: B = S

Medium · 81 letters

S Q X O G G F S Q H S S G Q T D

I G Z T B H B C J B P T G J B H B

C G P J B S B , B Q H C C A X S G

Q T D B Q G E S C L H B A T S S X E

H B P G C G W J T I S T F 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: K = E

Medium · 83 letters

C J K N K D D J Z S N X F I F U K ,

E F B M J D Z N S K H F X S J W D

W H F D K I A W P G C K N . S K

I F X I W D N N W X Y K F U

Y C F J D F D A N W N S K

Y P B Y W X 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

5. Clue: L = E

Medium · 83 letters

A G J F A W M L N I P N E W M U A ,

A W J R E M A N I P K L Q :

P G L M L N L R W Q U - M W P A

W Q U D W P L M - M W P A ,

D W P L M - P G J L Y L A W Q U

R W Q U - P G J L Y L A .

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: W = E

Easy · 84 letters

A G Y Q Y C O T W Z K A G Y K

K Y W T E O X Z

P E I I W K W L F W . O X W K W ' C Z

P Z E C A ; E T G Y J P B E H W

A G Y C G Q W H E G J W O C , V Y O

O X W A T E O X W K W 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

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. "When he is best, he is a little worse than a man; and when he is worst, he is little better than a beast."
— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act I. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=Z B=K C=P D=U E=O F=X G=L H=B I=Q J=D K=A L=M M=J N=S O=G P=C Q=E R=F S=R T=I U=Y V=H W=N X=V
Y=W Z=T
2. "An you had any eye behind you, you might see more detraction at your heels than fortunes before you."
— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Twelfth Night*, Act II. Sc. 5 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=P B=O C=R D=F E=C F=T G=N H=A I=W J=E K=B L=S M=Q N=D O=G P=I Q=Y R=L S=X T=M U=K V=Z W=H X=U
Y=J Z=V
3. "The food that to him now is as luscious as locusts, shall be to him shortly as bitter as coloquintida."
— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=B B=S C=L D=M E=R F=D G=O H=A I=N J=U K=P L=Y M=Z N=V O=F P=C Q=H R=K S=T T=I U=J V=X W=Q X=E
Y=G Z=W
4. "Lie ten nights awake, carving the fashion of a new doublet. He was wont to speak plain and to the purpose."
— William Shakespeare, 1599, *Much Ado about Nothing*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=D B=R C=L D=N E=C F=A G=B H=F I=W J=I K=E L=M M=V N=T O=Q P=U Q=Z R=J S=H T=X U=K V=Y W=O X=S
Y=P Z=G
5. "Ships are but boards, sailors but men: there be land-rats and water-rats, water-thieves and land-thieves."
— William Shakespeare, 1597, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act I. Sc. 3 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=S B=F C=J D=W E=O F=P G=H H=Y I=U J=I K=M L=E M=R N=B O=G P=T Q=N R=L S=X T=Z U=D V=C W=A X=Q
Y=V Z=K
6. "You must wear your rue with a difference. There's a daisy; I would give you some violets, but they withered."
— William Shakespeare, 1601, *Hamlet*, Act IV. Sc. 5 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=Y B=G C=S D=K E=I F=C G=O H=V I=F J=L K=R L=N M=Q N=X O=T P=D Q=M R=P S=Z T=W U=J V=B W=E X=H
Y=U Z=A