

Truth Cryptograms — Set 1

7 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: H = O

Expert · 41 letters

R H J S E V F L E V R S Y L P E V

G R N W V S P L J V R S Q H H O

H Y U L E X 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

2. Clue: C = H

Hard · 42 letters

C U D C T D B F U W Q N Y H

Y F D C Q N V W W C T B B X F W U

M A Y F D C E B U 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

3. Clue: L = T

Hard · 42 letters

I J L B X I L B J Q Y K H X ,

L B J Q F K Q X O , L B J Q C J F X ,

E S H X F X L I T L B .

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 = T

Medium · 47 letters

T Z X E I K Q V V K S Q K D I K S ,

X E I N E A E K S B W Q K E

D Q Y Q Y R Q D B A X K S T A 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

5. Clue: J = T

Hard · 58 letters

S N J E G O A I T Y J B I L A B J ,

T C W J M N C E G O Y T C

W L B J G A J J M N U T B U O Y M

T B E G O F K N T B N .

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: R = E

Easy · 78 letters

Z T J U C A R T C H E U Z C R A D

P E R J E R H T A F C U J E U C

M P J L R W C M J . V U B R E U Z T

Z T C F , T J X E R P U A A H R A A

Q M N H E R H W N H 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

7. Clue: Q = N

Easy · 92 letters

U C U P Z C H Y C T

Y Q U L I H P Z D D J

Z V O Q A G D I E M I E , C T Z C Z

P U Q M D I N Z Q U Q

F A P P I P P U A Q A W Z M A A E

W A H C Y Q I , N Y P C S I U Q

G Z Q C A W Z G U W 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

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. "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1819, *Letter to Nathaniel Macon*

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

2. "He that lies down with dogs shall rise up with fleas!"

— Benjamin Franklin (ed.), 1733, *Poor Richard's Almanack*

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

3. "Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1854, *Walden*

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

4. "If you tell the truth, you do not have to remember anything."

— Mark Twain, 1894, *Notebook*

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

5. "Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please."

— Mark Twain (*A remark recorded second-hand by an interviewer; the exact wording varies between accounts.*), 1899,
reported in an interview

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

6. "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Critic as Artist*

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

7. "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

— Jane Austen, 1813, *Pride and Prejudice*

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