## Substitution ciphers (a.k.a mono alphabetic ciphers)

→ Improvement over Caesar cipher

Algorithm: allow an arbitrary permutation of the alphabet

**Key:** set of substitutions

**Key space :** 26! possible substitutions ( $4 \times 10^{26} \sim 89$  bits)

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abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
DKVQFIBJWPESCXHTMYAUOLRGZN
```

if we wish to replace letters WI RF RWAJ UH YFTSDVF SFUUFYA

## Breaking substitution ciphers