

Alexander Pope Cryptograms — Set 2

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: I = A

Medium · 57 letters

J O M O I C F X N S I F I

S Z V U X C V X H Z V T M T? Q X U

N O Z C H D I Z F U T I C X F, -

S I F Z C F X N I Q D M.

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: D = T

Medium · 58 letters

D Q U K U J D X Y Y K U E B X Z J

D R E R K D X M O B G X D D Q U

E B Z O - Q U B S U S E R Z J D U K

R M D Q U F X D.

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 = T

Easy · 58 letters

Z H B Q P T ' Z X V C T H G Y I ,

J F B Q ' X B Y Y L Q Z R P T T B

B Y P F I H X F R A , H I L B Q N B

H B H N N Q X T T 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: O = E

Expert · 58 letters

V C O N E W Y J Z S C W T J O U S !

Y Z K K Z N Y P K P R K W V C

P Q O , R O V J V W U U

T P G O J V W F W Y M O F P R .

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: D = I

Expert · 61 letters

M H P L Z B C W D P U D Q B Z
P B I W D P L Z C - D S T N D S!
L W H A Z H N L J Z H ' P N L W D P
M D Z L C Y B Z O N V N D S.

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 = O

Hard · 61 letters

I A Q Z A M Y X G M M Y X L T G
J Y G U R I J J Y D T L Y M X I L
L I W A G M L Y I X, Z A L L I
V Q I C G I A Q O Y D T L.

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

Answer key

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1. "Why has not man a microscopic eye? For this plain reason, - man is not a fly."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle I. Line 193* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "There still remains to mortify a wit the many-headed monster of the pit."

— Alexander Pope, 1738, *Imitations of Horace, Satires, Epistles, and Odes of Horace. Epistle I. Book II. Line 304* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Satire's my weapon, but I'm too discreet to run amuck, and tilt at all I meet."

— Alexander Pope, 1738, *Imitations of Horace, Satires, Epistles, and Odes of Horace. Satire I. Book II. Line 69* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The ruins of himself! now worn away with age, yet still majestic in decay."

— Alexander Pope, 1726, *The Odyssey of Homer (Pope's translation), Book XXIV. Line 271* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Destroy his fib or sophistry - in vain! The creature's at his dirty work again."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot, Prologue to the Satires. Line 91* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Our business in the field of fight is not to question, but to prove our might."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation), Book XX. Line 304* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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