

Alexander Pope Cryptograms — Set 3

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: B = O

Medium · 62 letters

Z R R M B G N M R G B K E Y F N Z

A R N R K W T Z K R G W K Y Z ! W

C B X N M B O O K B E F P Z , W T

B E Y W V R B O P W K Y 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: N = E

Expert · 62 letters

H W N V Q R N B W Q A W L H W N K T

S Z G V N H O T D N T H L B , Z F X

J Q U N H L R Z I N B W Z H B N

H L F Z H O K N L 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

3. Clue: S = E

Expert · 63 letters

Y M J S Y P S L K S Y T G U S Z Y

Y P B G Z I O K S C B S K X, Y L V

H P Z Y Y P S M O S F, H P Z Y

Y P S N M E S L Y V B S K 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

4. Clue: B = S

Expert · 63 letters

S E B D U V D F E J B B D Z U C

D F Z L J R E J N B, E J T V K;

H U J D F W L W P E D R J L D Z

F L B E R P W L B X Z P B U J 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: S = E

Hard · 63 letters

S P A O S Y S F X K K H A E O S

S V E H N W T T B U O T B E M S ;

S P A O S Y S F X K Y H K

M T K M E O A T W S K S O H N

E F 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: A = R

Hard · 63 letters

B G A Q A B F Q X , Y B L A

J B G S U E O A Q Y E U O J B X F ,

W M A L F R H O J X L E U A Q W I

H L S U E E U O J O X I H B X F .

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. "See how the world its veterans rewards! A youth of frolics, an old age of cards."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays, Epistle II. Line 243* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "The life which others pay let us bestow, And give to fame what we to nature owe."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation), Book XII. Line 393* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "Together let us beat this ample field, Try what the open, what the covert yield."

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

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

4. "Most authors steal their works, or buy; Garth did not write his own Dispensary."

— Alexander Pope, 1711, *An Essay on Criticism, Part III. Line 59* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "Extremes in Nature equal good produce; Extremes in man concur to general use."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays, Epistle III. Line 161* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "Aurora now, fair daughter of the dawn, Sprinkled with rosy light the dewy lawn."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation), Book VIII. Line 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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