

Alexander Pope Cryptograms — Set 5

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: Y = E

Expert · 64 letters

Y R I F Y U Y V L X X Z I M F Y

 Y N M Z S Y X O V A F G O M W Y ;

 L X U Z X I E Y T D G L X I G

 V G U Y U T V I Y F L G M V M V Y .

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: L = N

Expert · 64 letters

H R Q F C P V Y , Z O J V X Y Q

 H L P O O - X Z S G P H U C A M J R L ,

 J L I U W Y L R K Y K Z L I P K U

 Z O J K C Z P I Y I K J L Y .

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: V = A

Medium · 65 letters

S V Z Q P Q A E E A E K V F ' E

Z K I A Q Z V C Q V G A

Z F E F V Q A , V F J Y A V W P X

J Q V D E W E D Z P N V

E Z F L C A N V Z Q .

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: S = I

Medium · 65 letters

G R J W D B S V P M K U U S L V ,

T J S G O R K G S G O S B B ,

G R J W D B S V P M K U U S L V

H L V I D J W U W J K U L V

U G S B 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

5. Clue: A = O Hard · 65 letters

Q J U Q O A Y Y Z A P U R Z L J ,

Q M T Q Z A Y B X W Z L J O B Q J ;

L N R A A Z Q Z A A Y J U O Z W ,

L N I U T A S N Z W J Q F B J Q .

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: J = E Hard · 65 letters

J H Q A G M C C P J I M N O U

M N U U D O B J V Z I U Z J , K Z N

C M X J O U D O B Y G V I Y Q J U

N D J U Z K U N O H F J N I Z J .

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. "Extremes in nature equal ends produce; In man they join to some mysterious use."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle II. Line 205* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Sir Plume, of amber snuff-box justly vain, And the nice conduct of a clouded cane."

— Alexander Pope, 1714, *The Rape of the Lock, Canto IV. Line 123* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Fair tresses man's imperial race insnare, And beauty draws us with a single hair."

— Alexander Pope, 1714, *The Rape of the Lock, Canto II. Line 27* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The ruling passion, be it what it will, The ruling passion conquers reason still."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays, Epistle III. Line 153* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Seas roll to waft me, suns to light me rise; My footstool earth, my canopy the skies."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle I. Line 139* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Envy will merit as its shade pursue, But like a shadow proves the substance true."

— Alexander Pope, 1711, *An Essay on Criticism, Part II. Line 266* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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