

Alexander Pope Cryptograms — Set 6

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: F = N

Hard · 66 letters

I S T M F L A P C Q Z T I M ,

J X T N X L T L F P A Q P R

K S P Z P F D , A X M J P S Z L

X H L J H F A M L C H F Q H F

T L Z M Y P F 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

2. Clue: Z = T

Medium · 66 letters

G X E G U M M S Y I Z G V

H Q U O V Q V I I A V I Z U Q ' I

Q X Z ! Z G V E X N Q P

W X N B V Z Z Y J B , H S Z G V

E X N Q P W X N B X 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

3. Clue: C = E

Expert · 66 letters

I W Z F E O C Y - M C V T E F E K

B S T E L E W L B S O C E B

G V M C , P C B I W M O L B I C

C C M W N L D F C E D C H P B I C

B V F 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

4. Clue: A = N

Easy · 66 letters

A J S B N P B T U B Y S L J A U

 U Z J P S Z D C B A ; P D K L A R

 P Z J R J D U B M L A R A D U U

 L U A J S S Z D G D K J G D

 M L A 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: V = A

Medium · 66 letters

I V J , I Z V U U F J U D W W U O

 M V H S V W W O C G V C W I V D U ,

 X R H I R O W Z O W H D R F X Z

 V C G X V H W V S O W Z O Q V U O ?

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: N = E

Expert · 66 letters

U S N T D D L W Q B
T B D I L S N O Y , R F G D H O G U B J
H N O Y , M R U S B D O Y C D W
B N O H G N Y B Q Z T N H R G S R C
S N O 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

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. "Friend to my life, which did not you prolong, The world had wanted many an idle song."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot, Prologue to the Satires*. Line 27 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "How happy is the blameless vestal's lot! The world forgetting, by the world forgot."

— Alexander Pope, 1717, *Eloisa to Abelard*, Line 207 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "How index-learning turns no student pale, Yet holds the eel of science by the tail."

— Alexander Pope, 1728, *The Dunciad*, Book I. Line 279 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Not always actions show the man; we find who does a kindness is not therefore kind."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays, Epistle I*. Line 109 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Say, shall my little bark attendant sail, Pursue the triumph and partake the gale?"

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle IV*. Line 385 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The bookful blockhead, ignorantly read, With loads of learned lumber in his head."

— Alexander Pope, 1711, *An Essay on Criticism, Part III*. Line 53 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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