

Alexander Pope Cryptograms — Set 7

6 puzzles · Large 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: N = E

Medium · 67 letters

R H R W W N D Y Z H Y A W !

U L V B L V D H Y I N Z D

I R P W D Y O U Y Y T

N R Z O L ' W

I N F N D N Z R O N W Y D W

B Y A S I Z R V W 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

2. Clue: K = E

Hard · 67 letters

S J L K J C K O M B K V K ,

O C U Q O Q K L G J C

K O M B B O C U , N B K V

L O T K , L K M J N K , O C U

D O U U K C L W X C U N B K

Y O C U .

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: X = S

Medium · 67 letters

C R C A F U H X P Z H C X

N Z X C P G R Z F C X X

T C R A U O , U X

X N U H H J Q X R A C U P X

A B F M Z P G H Z F E U H H

R N C Q 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

4. Clue: Q = R

Medium · 67 letters

C Q S L P N H Q Y G S

H Q L N U R, Y Q

E N U P F Q N H Q Y G S

H Y N, S Q N K Y P V Y U

D N S Q N Q P V D S V Y F Q

G N Q L V P B U Y I.

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: I = T

Medium · 68 letters

T D Y J L M U I O D

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

I M X Y G T, X V J D Y S

I O D I O G L M Y J, Y L S

A Y I A O I O D S J G F G L R

R Y T 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

6. Clue: N = E

Medium · 68 letters

O W V N T D K P D L T
L W O L T L B G W X K N
T D A G X D W W N M H D N A ;
X E Y A O W N T N P D H H :
G B W P D A Y B K E N Z N W
H D N A .

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

Answer key

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1. "A mass enormous! which in modern days no two of earth's degenerate sons could raise."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation)*, Book XX. Line 337 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Fire in each eye, and papers in each hand, They rave, recite, and madden round the land."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot*, Prologue to the *Satires*. Line 5 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Eternal smiles his emptiness betray, As shallow streams run dimpling all the way."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot*, Prologue to the *Satires*. Line 315 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Praise from a friend, or censure from a foe, Are lost on hearers that our merits know."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation)*, Book X. Line 293 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Learn of the little nautilus to sail, Spread the thin oar, and catch the driving gale."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man*, Epistle III. Line 177 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Urge him with truth to frame his fair replies; And sure he will: for Wisdom never lies."

— Alexander Pope, 1726, *The Odyssey of Homer (Pope's translation)*, Book III. Line 25 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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