

Alexander Pope Cryptograms — Set 8

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: C = E

Medium · 68 letters

Q M N R X J E L C A R X C

J E H , E H V Q E H R M W

Z R R X C W C Y Y M Q ; R X C

N C A R Z A E Y Y P D R

Y C E R X C N M N

O N D H C Y Y 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: F = E

Hard · 68 letters

K F Y R A O L F O U Q

X F O A Y J , H Z

R S N N H I A F , X H Y J

K V O L F ; H Z U S Y , I D

O U D P F O U N K F Y

X F O A Y J O U Q R A O L 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

3. Clue: N = E

Medium · 69 letters

Z Q T B P H Z B R Q L S L J ,

Y T T K T J H Y T E B P N

L P T J N , V N L E , P D A N

Y Q N Y B E A , J T

V E T Y Q N E J N L E Y Q N

Y Q E T J 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

4. Clue: M = E

Hard · 69 letters

A O U S Z T F G N M Z L F ,

U M H U M Z N M Z T F G N M

R U M M Q M , I W J A Z T F

G N M Z G O U Z , O F E

R W J Z Z J S Z T F G N M

G U M M 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

5. Clue: R = T

Medium · 69 letters

T G V P R

C E C V M - L M V K D R !

G E P R E Y K T V P R

P O C C G F ! R A E R

G V Y K P L H M M O C R D H Y

G D B A R V M J D Y B P R H

N G 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

6. Clue: L = A

Medium · 70 letters

B M Q B J I P H Q R F W H Q
B C L E J , H M I L Z C L
I U X N U X A R L X F ? L R R
D C L M , X H X C L U F
W H Q , L X F D C P
Q X F C M I B L 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

Answer key

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1. "Worth makes the man, and want of it the fellow; The rest is all but leather or prunello."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle IV. Line 203* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Get place and wealth, if possible, with grace; If not, by any means get wealth and place."

— Alexander Pope, 1738, *Imitations of Horace, Satires, Epistles, and Odes of Horace. Epistle I. Book I. Line 103* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Should such a man, too fond to rule alone, Bear, like the Turk, no brother near the throne."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot, Prologue to the Satires. Line 197* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Warms in the sun, refreshes in the breeze, Glows in the stars, and blossoms in the trees."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle I. Line 271* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Blest paper-credit! last and best supply! That lends corruption lighter wings to fly."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays, Epistle III. Line 39* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Truths would you teach, or save a sinking land? All fear, none aid you, and few understand."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle IV. Line 261* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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