

Alexander Pope Cryptograms — Set 9

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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: K = E

Expert · 70 letters

R X K G U E P K A ' G

R V H N X , X V C

K I D H E G E R K Z T W E Y K !

W K K Z G M R K M N X

R X A K M P , M Y P Z E O K G

M Z V Y J R X K Z E Y 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

2. Clue: L = E

Expert · 72 letters

V L A P Q U P T Y L

P V L L O Z , U G W S D A L

V L A P Q U P T Y L P T N Z P ,

P T B L G O L H Z U H

P V D X L , U G W

L B D I Q L G O L D R

L K L P .

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: D = E

Medium · 72 letters

B A U D S T B B T H A W C

B A S D V R F T L C R

X F D M V L F D G Z T L

K A G G D X V , Z T L B T G D

A V A W V R D Q T Q D W V

Z T L K D V D X V .

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: I = E

Hard · 73 letters

Y B O U Y B H I G U E I

S I K N I M E Y C B H T I

T C Z N G Q U X I T R I B

R U N K C Z S

X B C T N I G P I T I Q Z H E

H B U E M R, B C E E U X 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: R = E

Hard · 73 letters

V R P R P H V W J M R W J Z
V R S U R M L E N J Y N X
W U U E R Z ! X Y W L L Y E J
G W V L E L E N J T T R J T R
S V N P L Y N C A Y L
Z E Q E Z 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

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. "The spider's touch, how exquisitely fine! Feels at each thread, and lives along the line."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle I. Line 217* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Persuasive speech, and more persuasive sighs, Silence that spoke, and eloquence of eyes."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation), Book XIV. Line 251* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Like following life through creatures you dissect, You lose it in the moment you detect."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Moral Essays, Epistle I. Line 20* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "In vain sedate reflections we would make when half our knowledge we must snatch, not take."

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

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

5. "Remembrance and reflection how allied! What thin partitions sense from thought divide!"

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle I. Line 225* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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