

Alexander Pope Cryptograms — Set 10

5 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: X = E

Hard · 74 letters

O K X Z X T U B Y

J T V X Z H Y F V L Z U P U R H

A X H V B A E Z U C Y, I B T Z Y

C V S F U Z X R U M X, C V S F

U Z X T X Y X Z S A X Z S K R U C 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: V = H

Medium · 74 letters

N W J J M M , F V Q N V R L U M B

O V M H W A Q O Q N Q L S F Q B M ,

L S T B M M O V P W G K V L A A

O V Q S K B F Q O V V Q B

V L A J - B V G O M X M 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

3. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 75 letters

S Q O P X W H B B H U L T V

S Q O P X X R Q O B

X H A Q R K L T V Q Y Q P S E O S ;

O R B O X R R K Q S X R Q O B Z X

W P H A H Z P X Q B Y Q X O U O S .

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: R = E

Medium · 76 letters

O R P G X C ' G B N X J R

E J R P G A O R , P J J D N R

S X Q G X K G R C G R , J H R H C

D N O R R B X O L G , - N R P J D N ,
E R P F R , P C L F X U E R D R C F 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: L = E

Medium · 76 letters

U K O P L Y L F Z O S L Y V L H Z

Y G O F J C P S O Q O P Z E L L Y ,

Z P L L Y P L Z Z H K L R Z L P S L Z

H V Q O S L H K L O B B L G N L B Z

Z P L 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

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. "A generous friendship no cold medium knows, Burns with one love, with one resentment glows."
— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer* (Pope's translation), Book IX. Line 725 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=M B=U C=W D=Z E=K F=H G=Q H=D I=B J=F K=G L=P M=V N=X O=A P=C Q=J R=L S=T T=R U=O V=I W=Y X=E Y=S Z=N
2. "Coffee, which makes the politician wise, And see through all things with his half-shut eyes."
— Alexander Pope, 1714, *The Rape of the Lock*, Canto III. Line 117 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=L B=S C=X D=Q E=V F=W G=U H=P I=Z J=F K=G L=A M=E N=C O=T P=R Q=I R=M S=N T=D U=K V=H W=O X=Y Y=B Z=J
3. "Years following years steal something every day; At last they steal us from ourselves away."
— Alexander Pope, 1738, *Imitations of Horace*, *Satires, Epistles, and Odes of Horace*. Epistle II. Book II. Line 72 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=M B=L C=Q D=Z E=D F=C G=P H=O I=J J=K K=H L=I M=B N=X O=A P=R Q=E R=T S=Y T=N U=W V=G W=F X=S Y=V Z=U
4. "Reason's whole pleasure, all the joys of sense, Lie in three words, - health, peace, and competence."
— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man*, Epistle IV. Line 79 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=U B=W C=N D=T E=P F=C G=S H=I I=V J=L K=F L=D M=K N=H O=R P=A Q=Y R=E S=J T=Z U=M V=G W=X X=O Y=B Z=Q
5. "While pensive poets painful vigils keep, Sleepless themselves to give their readers sleep."
— Alexander Pope, 1728, *The Dunciad*, Book I. Line 93 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=Q B=R C=U D=X E=K F=N G=A H=T I=Y J=F K=H L=E M=C N=D O=I P=L Q=G R=M S=V T=B U=W V=O W=J X=Z Y=P Z=S