

Alexander Pope Cryptograms — Set 11

5 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: H = E

Hard · 76 letters

G I W F Q K W H Y A V H

Y H K R H Q ; K P F G N H W H

E N H Z T I Q E K L I S P F ,

T S O N C W S A E I C

Q H P Q H L H P H K E N A Q

W K W H Y Z C I S P 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

2. Clue: M = E

Medium · 76 letters

X E V V H E P V B E X N

D M X V J M M X E B D E Z P

H M G N J V W E Z K U

B Q G P M, - P Z W J D M X

Q P K G S M G X V J M P M

U M N M X M B Q V M U Q O 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: F = E

Easy · 81 letters

L D F J F O C D F S K D E

Y K D L D Y E Q L H F S B U

M U G Q X D U V A F K O

K D U V B F O ' Z

Y L Z H U O V G D F Z

I F O H F M V Q E Q L C F K

M B O L Z V L K D .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 84 letters

H Y B I C R P Q

G S K B F K B, H Y F H

W R K H K R D G R B F H

N B P Q H Y, Q E C Z K

Z S H Y Y S K Q E C Z H Y,

F P G K H E B P Q H Y B P K

Z S H Y Y S K

K H E B P Q H 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

5. Clue: B = N

Easy · 96 letters

Y K V B O B Z F , A H F

A P H B I K M O M Z H B I

V A Z H F V Y K V B N B R ;

V B I J K T J Z O K

Q H O F N V B ' O O Z

O H A P N Y K P X A V I , N F

N O B Z F C Z K F M X , A H F

C M Z O K M H B Y V 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

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. "Words are like leaves; and where they most abound, Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found."

— Alexander Pope, 1711, *An Essay on Criticism, Part II. Line 109* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "Not two strong men the enormous weight could raise, - Such men as live in these degenerate days."

— Alexander Pope, 1720, *The Iliad of Homer (Pope's translation), Book V. Line 371* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "I never knew any man in my life who could not bear another's misfortunes perfectly like a Christian."

— Alexander Pope, 1727, *Thoughts on Various Subjects* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "The young disease, that must subdue at length, Grows with his growth, and strengthens with his strength."

— Alexander Pope, 1734, *An Essay on Man, Epistle II. Line 135* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "Means not, but blunders round about a meaning; And he whose fustian's so sublimely bad, It is not poetry, but prose run mad."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot, Prologue to the Satires. Line 186* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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