

Alexander Pope Cryptograms — Set 12

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: U = E

Medium · 100 letters

K Q U I U O R K Q

J M P P W K W V D C U V D O U

E M K Q Q V L Z K I M X U

R Y V J K Z M S L U V I

E U Y U X M D U Y J U V Y L

D M X U : E I M K Q U I Z R Y

F U V J U , Y M K I R X V D Z

R Y J M P P V Y L .

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

Hard · 104 letters

J E L X N Q U Z F X N Q L ,

D N X I I L K B N G X L Y

F Q M B L , D I L K L N O

O N Q L T M B M O Q L

X K Z X I D N X I S E B Y

F I L D L N S I F , M O Y

F E B N Y J Z Y Y N O S

M S M N O F X L P J X A

J K M N F L .

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 = E

Hard · 105 letters

C N O I X V C A D P N A V B !

S A V Z M N J , V B X

R N J X O H S N T X J F V B

X H Q X E H M Q H T X

X H E B N S G X E V N C

B F Q D N T X ; J F W X H Q

B F Q J F D D X Y V X M W Q

B F Q S N A M W D X Q Q

I O H E X .

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: V = S

Easy · 106 letters

R T P V D X L S O O O S J V

U T M M Q X V D J Q Y R Q

O X B D Q S V F S E D !

O X B D , I P D D S V S Y P

S M V Y C Q M X I Q T F S L

M Y D V , V G P D S E V Q Y V

O Y C Q M J Y L C V , S L E

Y L S F X F D L M I O Y D 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

5. Clue: K = E

Medium · 125 letters

Y H C T L S V , M V

X M V R Y T H V , D R K

V M Z K L J U K C Y U U

R T U S , M U Y B K

X M H D M V D Y W Y X D T T

H K C T L T U S : E K H T D

D R K X Y L V D E F C R T Z

D R K H K C M L K D L Y K S ,

H T L F K D D R K U M V D

D T U M F D R K T U S

M V Y S 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

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. "There with commutual zeal we both had strove in acts of dear benevolence and love:
Brothers in peace, not rivals in command."

— Alexander Pope, 1726, *The Odyssey of Homer (Pope's translation)*, Book IV. Line 241 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Poetic Justice, with her lifted scale, Where in nice balance truth with gold she
weighs, And solid pudding against empty praise."

— Alexander Pope, 1728, *The Dunciad*, Book I. Line 52 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Forgetful youth! but know, the Power above with ease can save each object of his
love; Wide as his will extends his boundless grace."

— Alexander Pope, 1726, *The Odyssey of Homer (Pope's translation)*, Book III. Line 285 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Curse on all laws but those which love has made! Love, free as air at sight of human
ties, Spreads his light wings, and in a moment flies."

— Alexander Pope, 1717, *Eloisa to Abelard*, Line 74 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "In words, as fashions, the same rule will hold, Alike fantastic if too new or old: Be
not the first by whom the new are tried, Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

— Alexander Pope, 1711, *An Essay on Criticism*, Part II. Line 133 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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