

Edward Young Cryptograms — Set 1

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: Y = E

Medium · 40 letters

E Y F O D Y F O P M D C Y Y V ; S

G K K T S P G K J P I O D S

G K K T O W V Y Y 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

2. Clue: N = T

Hard · 41 letters

S H A O Z Q T T R V U T

O L R U S N Q V Y T N S Q K N Y C Q

N S Q R L P Z R U S 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

3. Clue: X = S

Expert · 47 letters

F Y E I B V J X C N U B O X , B V J

O Y X C I X F I T Q M C I T N X

B V J X V T U I K F Y T I 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: R = E

Hard · 49 letters

C Z R O R I I M C L U N R M J X R .

F R C Q N R X J X J C R J G

C U S R O K C G L J S U C M

I J M 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

5. Clue: F = T

Medium · 62 letters

R F F G N P F S , E R B

W J W V A O F W G N E W A Z L R

L D D Z ; U B D T W N F R F

L D P F S , R B I P A L D P E W

G N W V Z R 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

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. "Be wise with speed; A fool at forty is a fool indeed."

— Edward Young, 1728, *Love of Fame, the Universal Passion, Satire II. Line 282* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "How blessings brighten as they take their flight!"

— Edward Young, 1745, *Night Thoughts, Night II. Line 602* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Like our shadows, Our wishes lengthen as our sun declines."

— Edward Young, 1745, *Night Thoughts, Night V. Line 661* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "The bell strikes one. We take no note of time but from its loss."

— Edward Young, 1745, *Night Thoughts, Night I. Line 55* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "At thirty, man suspects himself a fool; Knows it at forty, and reforms his plan."

— Edward Young, 1745, *Night Thoughts, Night I. Line 417* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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