

Francis Bacon Cryptograms — Set 1

6 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: L = T

Hard · 40 letters

W L W J R L A W H I B N I P X R L

K R L W X H U X , S Z L V X L B N

F Z U A Z J 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

2. Clue: E = N

Medium · 44 letters

V Z O R G K M N Z R F D X K L D G

U F U E ' B G D J N X E R O B O E

Z O B D T E Z U E L 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: O = I

Medium · 44 letters

E F O M W H E R F O G G H E N W

H B V W B A A B V K Y R O K O W M ,

K J E R J W Z O R Q 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

4. Clue: C = I

Hard · 45 letters

E D E G I J E I C H O X H P ,

E G F C G L X C H C I C S N , C H

Q U D D U G Y P N G S C U X H .

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

Expert · 47 letters

B X R Z B T C D R X U R X Q R
 Y B U G V B L R G T L U , U G J X
 V J X K Z B T C R M J V I C R D .

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

6. Clue: T = N

Expert · 48 letters

G T I N Y A H L W X N D F A F W N B
 G T B S U T Z F T N B , X U W Q F T
 Y G S N G T B F T W F A 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

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. "It is a thing of great patience, but yet of much use."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

2. "Chiefly the mould of a man's fortune is in his own hands."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *Essays, Of Fortune (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "A wise man will make more opportunities, than he finds."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

4. "A man that is busy, and inquisitive, is commonly envious."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

5. "One foul sentence doth more hurt, than many foul examples."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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

6. "Anger must be limited and confined, both in race and in time."

— Francis Bacon, 1625, *The Essays or Counsels, Civil and Moral*

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