

Francis Bacon Cryptograms — Set 2

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: T = A

Medium · 55 letters

T Z T J U I T U M X B D K J Q M J

 B C T L X , Z T B A C D F O M J

 I D K L X , M E I C I T P C F D X U

 J D U M Z C .

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: D = A

Hard · 55 letters

B F M Y T H R T U D H D L ' M

 M P J R F M , F L H D L O

 V U D L Z N P M G N P U P T R , D

 Y P X U D A P Y G N F L 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

3. Clue: D = E

Expert · 57 letters

G B D K D C N H D G N A U D

 E A A W C F I Y R S C Q D F L H ,

 X B D K D V N C F I K C L V G D ,

 G B D K D C N F A F 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

4. Clue: U = S

Medium · 58 letters

O J O U L D L U U R Q M B U O V D

 T G L C T Q J P K L D B

 V M D M Q T R U U S O Q O J , C P T W

 P T D T Q L W M D B U .

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

Expert · 62 letters

Y V D C T M U L W T K U

O V G D M W M R C T F V F J T

U F M Y Z K Y I L D V Y F J T

P M Y F M I T - I W V L Y Z V B

F W L F J .

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: U = E

Medium · 62 letters

D Z D Y P M C X Y U P U Y Y , I M G

Z K U A G U X Z U Y Z Z M

V U Y R U P V X P V H M M F D P Z M

Z K U D G M E P U Y Z X Z U .

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 MAN that is young in years, may be old in hours, if he have lost no time."

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

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

2. "Wisdom for a man's self is, in many branches thereof, a depraved thing."

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

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

3. "There is yet some good in public envy, whereas in private, there is none."

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

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

4. "It is an assured sign of a worthy and generous spirit, whom honor amends."

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

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

5. "No pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage-ground of truth."

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

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

6. "It is no baseness, for the greatest to descend and look into their own estate."

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

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