

Francis Bacon Cryptograms — Set 3

6 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: I = E

Medium · 65 letters

L Y I D I K T G M

I S F I Q Q I G L O I R Z L H ,

L Y R L Y R L Y G M L

T M C I T L D R G N I G I T T

K G L Y I

U D M U M D L K M G .

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: F = E

Easy · 66 letters

N A N P A W F U N P B V Z

V E I H A P, A W H A U N T T

M F P Y I F A V T F H R F H

W V Y P F, P V Z F U W H A

M F E V I F N A E H T T.

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: S = E

Medium · 70 letters

V A S K S G U M T D G L S ,

V A Z V H T V A U T

L T D S K Z O Z M N G V A

U A Z O S , Z U V T W S

B T Q M H B Z I U S Z M H

F S K B G H G T Q U .

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: J = E

Medium · 70 letters

N E V L N J E O G F O L G B J

U W J L L O P M V A G B J

V W X G J L G Q Y J P G ;

Q X K J E L O G F O L G B J

U W J L L O P M V A G B J

P J Z .

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: A = E

Medium · 70 letters

U K U C M A K K A E

J A X O U P Z Y U K R L A P

U P X S S A K U K A , K R X P

Y U K R K R T C A K R X K

X E A Y R A E A K R A V

Y T G O J M A .

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: F = N

Medium · 70 letters

H R C J J Q F , Y X W J ,
H F J C F Q P O Q Z B Q J
I C Q R B K X F J X B N
S H F L B K S Q R
R C D O D K R Q H S H F ,
H F J W H L N K S X O Q 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

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

Answer key

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1. "There is no excellent beauty, that hath not some strangeness in the proportion."

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

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

2. "It is the wisdom of rats, that will be sure to leave a house, somewhat before it fall."

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

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

3. "There is no vice, that doth so cover a man with shame, as to be found false and perfidious."

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

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

4. "Prosperity is the blessing of the Old Testament; adversity is the blessing of the New."

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

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

5. "It is better dealing with men in appetite, than with those that are where they would be."

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

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

6. "A sudden, bold, and unexpected question doth many times surprise a man, and lay him open."

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

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