

Francis Bacon Cryptograms — Set 4

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: L = E

Medium · 72 letters

U F Q L E F F M U V G L J F

E L J V U J L N, F J B L G U

J F E L U C V R R F C L N,

V A N U F Q L W L C J F E L

T B L C L N V A N

N H X L U J L 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

2. Clue: R = E

Medium · 72 letters

N D R G R X F F E G R S Z

V B A G R C N R G

U X F K B H, N D C V U R S S

N B N X H R N D R

I R A X V V X V A F, C V K

B V F R N F, B T N D X V A F.

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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3. Clue: F = E

Medium · 73 letters

I P I C V I H C F F H , G W

V F T F R S F C E G W K S

G C B J P F Y G C H J W

F U R F C B F , E J T F I B

B I X G C M I M I G C G C

B J P F J E V F O .

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: D = A

Easy · 80 letters

V F V O D O Z D F N Q D W

F E H V P, D O F E M P

M E Q Z; D Z H F E D

W V F F W P V Z J D Z F,

A P Q X D A O, F X P E Z P

V O D O A D V Z J N W, D O

F X P E F X P Q.

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: B = E

Medium · 82 letters

H J B Y B O Y B H A K H R E R

L B X B O I H K T X K Q

Z T S S T X H T E B I Q H Q ;

E A H S B S T O R , S B O K H ,

I X V X T E D B G T O P Q ,

I O B Y O T Y B O H T S B 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

6. Clue: G = T

Medium · 83 letters

L Z W U L A Z N G C N U X W G

F N G Y W S G R E X C

B A E Z U E X J

J N U G E U G A U ; E X J

E J D A Z U N G C N U X W G

F N G Y W S G I W R B W Z G U

E X J Y W L A 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. "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."

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

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

2. "There is surely no greater wisdom, than well to time the beginnings, and onsets, of things."

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

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

3. "A man had need, if he be plentiful in some kind of expense, to be as saving again in some other."

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

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

4. "It is as natural to die, as to be born; and to a little infant, perhaps, the one is as painful, as the other."

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

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

5. "The perpetuity by generation is common to beasts; but memory, merit, and noble works, are proper to men."

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

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

6. "Prosperity is not without many fears and distastes; and adversity is not without comforts and hopes."

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

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