

Francis Bacon Cryptograms — Set 5

5 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: K = E

Medium · 84 letters

H F K X K O J P O H H P K

W X O K Y U J F O G O Y H F K

N I X P U, M Y U P K M J H

I W M P P S K H N K K Y

K R A M P J, N F O T F N M J

N I Y H H I S K

Q M B Y O W O K 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

2. Clue: W = E

Easy · 84 letters

B J K Y K V R C C G

H X K Z T R Q K V F

K A A W V A B I W R Q, X W

H X K R R H W W

J C Z A L V W; J C Z

A X C L O X H X W B H

U R B V F, H X W B H V C A

B V I B H B U R W.

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

Easy · 86 letters

M I O N O Q P O W F O

X C K F I C M F Q Y, P F

N O L C F Z X O E N G Z X

Z F J K C F X P O X X P F

J O C F G I X P G Z F

X P M Q S Z T M E E

J G Q X M Q K F O I X F C

P M 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

4. Clue: E = O

Medium · 89 letters

B S B I L E E Y

Y B I X K Q S B E F, F E S

S E T G H Q S E E T V X U

E R G F M T G F G S S U Q

R B K I S; P Q X G V I Q

E F Q X G F F E S U E D Y

E V S S U G S

C K E C E K S B E 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

5. Clue: N = E

Easy · 89 letters

L Z L Y ' W Y L H Q O N ,

O Q Y W N D H P N O H F

P N O G W F O M N N J W ;

H P N O N C F O N I N H P D Z

W N L W F Y L G I K M L H N O

H P N F Y N , L Y J

J N W H O F K H P N

F H P N O .

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. "There is little friendship in the world, and least of all between equals, which was wont to be magnified."

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

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

2. "If a man look sharply and attentively, he shall see Fortune; for though she is blind, she is not invisible."

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

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

3. "If a man have a true friend, he may rest almost secure that the care of those things will continue after him."

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

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

4. "It is good discretion, not to make too much of any man at the first; because one cannot hold out that proportion."

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

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

5. "A man's nature, runs either to herbs or weeds; therefore let him seasonably water the one, and destroy the other."

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

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