

Francis Bacon Cryptograms — Set 6

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: A = E

Medium · 90 letters

S O N Y T A P M O A C N Q A

G I D A M W A Y C X

F I U N A P, E D N T D

T M K P A Z I I U I O

A W N C G N L A P, M Y U

E D N T D D M W A L K T D

W A Y A O M G N I Y F K G Y I

O A P 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: Q = E

Medium · 91 letters

V H V D E U V Y Y E Q Q

B V L Q E , N U V N O B Z C K

Q S V H O D Q N U Q H T V J N

X Z T V J N , Z C K E U V Y Y

B O D F D Q A Q J V M C C F ;

V D F Z Q N

V Y N C M Q N U Q J F C

R Q Y Y .

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: K = E

Easy · 95 letters

E Z E U N U Z F N M J K

X K U E F K, Z Q U K K A

T Q Y K F N M X Z Q I Q U K

I E H K F Z O : Q F Z Q

U K K A T Q Y K F Q L K F

Q Z B K F U, N M X Z Q

I Q U K T Q Y K F Q L K F N

C N M ' U U K I W .

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: H = E

Hard · 95 letters

V H H D A Q I J W Q C U

W Z B F H V , O C I V C B F

X V I F Q C T X M H V I

L H I G C V I R M , C V H

V Q O H W R M ,

U Z V I W Z O C I H

B F H H W S C R R M , X A U

R H X N H

B Q A I H A I H U R 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

5. Clue: V = E

Medium · 96 letters

D V L T L E Z V O J

B Y O U V O Z V J N Z T U V

X V Z Q O L J X, -

X V Z Q O L J X S M J N V

X S Q V Z V T E L S Z

X J O J V, X V Z Q O L J X

S M M O D V, O L C

X V Z Q O L J X S M

R G X T L V X 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

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. "Princes are like to heavenly bodies, which cause good or evil times, and which have much veneration but no rest."

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

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

2. "A man shall see faces, that if you examine them part by part, you shall find never a good; and yet altogether do well."

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

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

3. "It is a strange desire, to seek power and to lose liberty: or to seek power over others, and to lose power over a man's self."

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

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

4. "Seek not proud riches, but such as thou mayest get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly."

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

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

5. "Men in great place are thrice servants, - servants of the sovereign or state, servants of fame, and servants of business."

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

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