

Francis Bacon Cryptograms — Set 7

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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: F = E

Medium · 97 letters

Q I F N F L A G T V Z G

Y T Q I Z C N T G J , B T N

Q I F C N T G J ' A A Z E F ;

M W Q Q I F N F M D Q T

X W N K I Z A F I L V A F P B

X N T B L Q , T N

X P F Z A W N F , T N

I T G T N , T N Q I F

P L 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

2. Clue: G = N

Easy · 102 letters

H U H G V K Z D W

S H B E O P W V N Y Z E G

I D H B Z Y F S D E I D

V G I Y N Y Z K G S E O O

I V G W E G K Y ; N K W E G

U H W W Y B F W D H W

B Y W K B G G V W , D Y U H P

N Y U V B Y

U H Z G E X E I Y G 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

3. Clue: L = E

Medium · 105 letters

U L D Z Y O L D D A - I W N L ;

F W E Q L N Q B H L

I W D P N , B D S

N Z V L Y W V L N Y Q L A

T X A B I B A Z T

Y Q L V N L X H L N ,

N Z V L Y W V L N Y Q L A

V M N Y U L N L Y

T X A W D P , Y Z U F W D P

W D V Z F L .

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: T = E

Medium · 106 letters

Y Q G T Z N T T - J B E A T A

F E A D M T T N Z C K K V

A B H L Q H T A , F Y

M Q C N H Q Z J T F Y , F E A

Q Z H K T T L , F E A Q Z

T O T N D B H T , B H Q E T

Q Z Y M T G T H Y

L N T D T L Y H Q Z K Q E R

K F H Y B E R .

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: C = A

Easy · 106 letters

D L P L S R S Z C I B P W D

G C Z D S K D C B J , N W

D S Y N F P D L P

S H H C W N S R ; C R V

C Y C N R D S

T S V P Z C D P , C R V

G C W W D S W S T P M L C D

P B W P ; K S Z D L P R C

T C R B P C V W D L P

V C R H P .

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 no man doth a wrong, for the wrong's sake; but thereby to purchase himself profit, or pleasure, or honor, or the like."

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

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

2. "A man ought warily to begin charges which once begun will continue; but in matters that return not, he may be more magnificent."

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

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

3. "Be not penny-wise; riches have wings, and sometimes they fly away of themselves, sometimes they must be set flying, to bring in more."

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

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

4. "To be free-minded and cheerfully disposed, at hours of meat, and of sleep, and of exercise, is one of the best precepts of long lasting."

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

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

5. "The honorablest part of talk, is to give the occasion; and again to moderate, and pass to somewhat else; for then a man leads the dance."

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

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