

Francis Bacon Cryptograms — Set 8

5 puzzles · Standard 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: U = O

Easy · 109 letters

J C G U K B J R R S O Z F S ,

R U O S H J O S R , G U K L

V W U A F S B P S U C H Y N H G U K

N L S H Y U K P Y H H U V W U A ,

G U K R Y N F F Z S H Y U K P Y H ,

N W U H Y S L H J O S , H U V W U A

H Y N H G U K V W U A W U H .

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: L = A

Easy · 113 letters

L E L B G L J G L D H Q S , L B Q
J G L J D H Q S K N U H B Y K B X Q
J H L M R L U X ; D I J V G X F X
Y F K X B Q N G K M K N , L R R
H Y Y K U X N H Y R K Y X L F X
L N K J V X F X A F L B J X Q J H
G K E , L B Q G K N Q X M I J S .

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: J = I

Easy · 113 letters

S Z M ' Q U V I P Y V U Q G W Z

S P T V G T T I W N J M Y U I

U V Z J W J M T C J M G U J I M ,

U V Z J W N J Q T I P W Q Z G M N

Q B Z Z T V Z Q G T T I W N J M Y

U I U V Z J W C Z G W M J M Y G M N

J M L P Q Z N I B J M J I M 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

4. Clue: B = T

Hard · 113 letters

I W L O E P T O R C T X J B B T C

B W J O K T O B B F R O B W

Z L G E T, X J B B T C X W C

T A T D L B J W O B F R O X W C

D W L O Y T V, R O G X J B B T C

X W C O T H M C W Z T D B Y B F R O

X W C Y T B B V T G N L Y J O T 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

5. Clue: F = O

Medium · 116 letters

V T R Q I M K T F J F C R W M M Q X

T R U F I M K X P J

M G F D L M J Q M ; P J V K F

R W M P E P Z I M M P N G O K F

X T U B T K X B X F U B M V M P G

T R U F I M K X P J K F R W M P E

T J Z F F V B F I V R F I T J

Z F F V F I V M I .

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 wordsOF 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. "If you dissemble, sometimes, your knowledge of that you are thought to know, you shall be thought, another time, to know that you know not."

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

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

2. "A man hath a body, and that body is confined to a place; but where friendship is, all offices of life are as it were granted to him, and his deputy."

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

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

3. "Men's thoughts are much according to their inclination, their discourse and speeches according to their learning and infused opinions."

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

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

4. "Young men are fitter to invent than to judge, fitter for execution than for counsel, and fitter for new projects than for settled business."

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

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

5. "Discretion of speech is more than eloquence; and to speak agreeably to him with whom we deal is more than to speak in good words or in good order."

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

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