

Francis Bacon Cryptograms — Set 9

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: Y = O

Easy · 120 letters

G J G U I R Y Y P V Y G F J Y E

X Q F F G F R E Y Z I L I F J Y

U B I V W J B W I F U M W Z B W

M Y Q K P B I A W G F B G U Y M F

M Y Z P U I F P

V Z Y V Y U G J G Y F U, E Y Z G J

L I N W U J B W Y J B W Z V I Z J T

U J G X N J B W K W U 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: B = T

Medium · 121 letters

V B V E G A B B A Z B I E I W H R

P O A Z E I H , D V B X D X I Y

I H A R A P J E P K P Z I K K ,

B X P H B I K P J J W O I H B X A

O I V H B P B K V Z E B ;

A U Q A O B F I W Y A P H B I

E W Z O Z V E A X V Y G F E I Y A

E X I Z B T W A E B V I 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

3. Clue: Q = E

Easy · 129 letters

I A Q S Q X M Y B X M C F J X E

I A X M T Q R F E C I A Q S O D Q M

F H V A R M X L . Y J Y E ' M F B E

F T M Q S Z Y I X F E , B A Y I A Q

H X E C M U F F C F H Y E C

B A Y I A Q H X E C M A O S I F H ,

X M I A Q T Q M I V A R M X L I F

V S Q M Q S Z Q A Q Y D I A .

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: K = H

Easy · 131 letters

R K M V M C N I D B S S C S P

H K C D K H M C S M S P G I S A

D I G G " R K M R B V S C S P Q U

R K M D I R C S R K M Y I S ; "

H K C D K C N , H K M S R K I R

H K C D K I T I S N I J N R Q

I S Q R K M V , K M G I J N C R I N

C U I S Q R K M V K I A N I C A

C R R Q K C T .

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: I = E

Easy · 133 letters

H R I K I O T O G R E V W G
G W H E K I M I G I K W Z Z L ,
V B K I B A H R I A B B Z H R W G
B A H R I D O T I ; W G U
H R I K I A B K I H R B T I
A W Y E Z H O I T , S L D R O Y R
H R I A B B Z O T R F W K H B A
V I G ' T V O G U T O T H W P I G ,
W K I V B T H F B H I G 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

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

Answer key

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1. "It is a good point of cunning for a man to shape the answer he would have in his own words and propositions, for it makes the other party stick the less."

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

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

2. "It is better to sound a person, with whom one deals afar off, than to fall upon the point at first; except you mean to surprise him by some short question."

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

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

3. "There is a wisdom in this beyond the rules of physic. A man's own observation, what he finds good of and what he finds hurt of, is the best physic to preserve health."

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

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

4. "There is a cunning which we in England call "the turning of the cat in the pan;" which is, when that which a man says to another, he lays it as if another had said it to him."

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

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

5. "There is in human nature generally, more of the fool than of the wise; and therefore those faculties, by which the foolish part of men's minds is taken, are most potent."

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

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