

Francois de La Rochefoucauld Cryptograms — Set 1

6 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: Q = E

Hard · 41 letters

F X Q

E A I Q W Z F V A I G A O G Z

V N T V U Z F X Q I E J Q

D M F X Q X Q V W 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: U = O

Medium · 41 letters

B Y M E K Y B L W P

G M V V P K G U T C U Y P

V X M E D C , E U V G U T

U V X P T C .

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: B = E

Hard · 42 letters

F R Q I L B R L W B O E T Z B
F B X R X W H Y H
Q E G G B Q Q R M Y H
A R M I E X B .

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: U = E

Expert · 43 letters

G U L C E B D I U
C H I D S U , Z W K G U
S C V V Y K D V Q M D T U
K A U S Y V H W S K .

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: K = N

Medium · 43 letters

R K R I D U S J X K O R K O

R I D K K X K E J X K O

R N S B S N P

O X Z Z X J X G R 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

6. Clue: Q = E

Expert · 44 letters

A S N X G N O S Q M B N Q

C A M O D N Q E S Q P O U V

W S O X G J Q M

H G M Z S G M Q 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

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. "The understanding is always the dupe of the heart."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 102 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "A mind may be fitted for some things, not for others."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)*

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

3. "Most people judge men only by success or by fortune."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 212 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "We may give advice, but we cannot inspire the conduct."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 378 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "An acute mind and a cunning mind are very dissimilar."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1871, Reflections; or Sentences and Moral Maxims (J. Hain Friswell translation, 1871)*

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

6. "Our virtues are most frequently but vices disguised."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 19 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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