

Francois de La Rochefoucauld Cryptograms — Set 3

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: S = I

Hard · 52 letters

E D T H T U Z X S E K

P D S X D S B X U T Z L T L

P S E D C W J Z Q T S L

B C E R Z U R U C V

R C W W 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

2. Clue: E = A

Hard · 52 letters

K N N W Q X E K P E C K X

K N Q X D E V E U

N T B Y W E K Y N U Y C E

F Y U O N G

Y U W Q E K Y K S O 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

3. Clue: C = T

Hard · 52 letters

C W B Z V B Q C B O C

N Q J E C G N Q

U B D B C V Q C A D Z Y A C

A O C G Z G X B K G D M

C W B L Q V 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

4. Clue: V = T

Hard · 54 letters

J M Z G T A T H M L V G I M

W A F S T M F F J S V U K A V

V A L T S T P S V V K K A L

K J T S T V M L M F V .

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: D = E

Medium · 54 letters

K E D I M H A K X V K D

E X V A P W W D H D U K

O D X U P U Z V , I E P Y E

P K P V D X V F K M

O P V K X Q D .

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: D = A

Medium · 54 letters

D N D X R G Y A J

M X S O D W F K M U A J

Y K W F X U F J J W Y

L U D N F W G D X G A J

L F X F K D T W Y O .

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 veracity which increases with old age is not far from folly."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 416 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Too great haste to repay an obligation is a kind of ingratitude."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 226 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "The greatest fault of a penetrating wit is to go beyond the mark."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 377 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "We can undertake business without turning it to our own interest."

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

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

5. "The word taste has different meanings, which it is easy to mistake."

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

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

6. "A man who is ungrateful is often less to blame than his benefactor."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 96 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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