

Francois de La Rochefoucauld Cryptograms — Set 8

5 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: O = E

Medium · 79 letters

L A M B I Y I L A J

D Q M V F L A Y O K Y M B J

I G O Q L K Y D O G M B Y

K X S C V D V Q O O G M B Y ;

P V D L Q O Y O X D O G M B Y

D Q M V F L A I G O Q M 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

2. Clue: M = A

Hard · 82 letters

I Y O Z T D C K F E S F T

V N W K T D F I Z M F M N E

N O W M F D E M C F T D O

M W K W Y B Y E M J M W K T W

N F , J D F Q M P Y N F M O

G Y E V Y L F M O I Y L M 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: D = E

Medium · 93 letters

U G X X D W D A S Q A H D Y M

A U S M U C G H F

X D J X D S N U X S F D

Y V V I D F Q T D L U A D

Q M N D Q X U N S F D Y V V

S F Q S C Q B F Q W W D A

S U G M Y A

H U A M D R G D A H 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

4. Clue: T = E

Medium · 94 letters

I R T Z T L M O V

T Y J E K T V I M L Y T V U T

X R L U R M T Z F T M I J

O G G Z J F T J Z I J

U J V N T B V, I R T Z T L M

O M L Y T V U T J S

N L M U Z T I L J V O V N J S

Z T M G T U 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

5. Clue: U = E

Medium · 97 letters

C U W K J H G I Z U S I X G A

U Q N H W U J H Z

L Z X U Y I W C K U Y

D K U X Z L S H G D W S Z U

P J Z Y C X D K D K U E ,

S Y I D K U A S Z U G U W W

D K S Y D K U X Z V J J I

T H S G X D X U 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

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. "Philosophy triumphs easily over past evils and future evils; but present evils triumph over it."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 22 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "We should try to find out what air is natural to us and never abandon it, but make it as perfect as we can."

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

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

3. "Our repentance is not so much regret for the ill we have done as fear of the ill that may happen to us in consequence."

— *Francois de La Rochefoucauld, 1665, Maximes, 180 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "There is an eloquent silence which serves to approve or to condemn, there is a silence of discretion and of respect."

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

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

5. "We should readily excuse our friends when their faults are born with them, and they are less than their good qualities."

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

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