

Francois Rabelais Cryptograms — Set 1

7 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: E = O

Hard · 41 letters

X L X O Z H E C B U L E

V Q X B U L K E C E C L E V

K E C Q O Z T Z H

O Z H O Z 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

2. Clue: O = E

Medium · 43 letters

Z U W M C U Z Q Z W

L N A O R S, D O A U H R R

B O G O Y T W L O W S S

A T W Z - S Y O 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

3. Clue: K = E

Medium · 47 letters

Q T K O K B B H T J F D A

K J S F, D A S L F L Q Q A

O K X L B B K Z U L Q T

X J L S U A S Z 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

4. Clue: G = E

Hard · 50 letters

D P Y F K G

V J K B E A B F R E P S A J G

C G E A G U B A B P R, F T T

I B V H G U F R U

V Y T T G 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

5. Clue: D = T

Hard · 59 letters

K V X W Q F D D R T E Z J H

R A H Z K Q T K Q , O U Z F U

T D D U T D D Z B Q D U Q L

F T P P Q H P T F E R A

B R J Q L .

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: H = E

Easy · 61 letters

T L Z L W C H N J H E H

A Q I W J W H N N F L P

Q H Y H I Z F S L Y H

W Q I Z J V J W A H Y H

B L S H W I N H L V I

W P 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

7. Clue: N = O

Medium · 69 letters

Y N I A Y Z C C P R O
Z R C O D N L E C O N Q O L
N D Y O L A , D Y Z D Y Z Q O
F N D S E C C U N I O L
Z F T G N H H Z F T N S
H W A O C 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

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 enough to fright you out of your seven senses."

— *Francois Rabelais, 1564, Works, Book V, Chapter XV (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Thought I to myself, we shall never come off scot-free."

— *Francois Rabelais, 1564, Works, Book V, Chapter XV (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "The belly has no ears, nor is it to be filled with fair words."

— *Francois Rabelais, 1552, Works, Book IV, Chap. LXII (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "You are Christians of the best edition, all picked and culled."

— *Francois Rabelais, 1552, Works, Book IV, Chap. L (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "Subject to a kind of disease, which at that time they called lack of money."

— *Francois Rabelais, 1532, Pantagruel (Works, Book II), Chap. XVI (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

6. "Do not believe what I tell you here any more than if it were some tale of a tub."

— *Francois Rabelais, 1552, Works, Book IV, Chap. xxxviii (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

7. "How shall I be able to rule over others, that have not full power and command of myself?"

— *Francois Rabelais, 1534, Gargantua (Works, Book I), Chap. LII (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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