

George Chapman Cryptograms — Set 1

6 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: A = O

Expert · 56 letters

V A W M F N X M O Y J M T A E G

N X M R U X D A A E K ; I W O A E G

N X M T M A Z V A W M F N X M

R U X D A A E 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: H = E

Hard · 64 letters

B E X V P H E O Q D V

K I M E J E D P O ; G X D Q L R D Q H

T H X E O X E L T V H R H B H Q

G T H Q K H Q L X I Q V V T H F

H X 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: H = T

Hard · 64 letters

P C B J W C H T G C M C Y P W H

F E G N Q U T H H E H J A Q P W I ,

- H E G P W I P G H J C H A H

F E G N Q E W M A N P A H Q P M R .

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

Medium · 66 letters

E G P R S Z U B G U Q B C E P R

S V Z P B U R K M G R Z F E B R G

G U Q R F P M M W S D G E P W

X T G S Z G R Z , S U Q U B Z

K G R Z .

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: A = S

Easy · 103 letters

Z R A Y Q Q Y A R P R O R M V X J Q ,

J R C Q M Z Q A Q V M Z V M

A Z H M A A M R J J V A R M

K G Q A , V P Y J Q V F Q A P K

M S V D M A P K S G S R P M A K W

G S Q D Q Y Q P M W K S G K K S

O Q P ' A W V D M 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

6. Clue: K = E

Medium · 120 letters

K Z D K K E W B M S R W X J C K

T R J B L P ; R B E I K P S R W X

W B P C R P J C K B K G K X

J P V E W K E P L A K S R W X K X

P C R B B R P V X K Y R E K C K X ;

A K R V P I D L J P C K X

B L P C W B M , C K X G W X P V K J

T K X K J L X R X 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

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 wordsOF 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. "Young men think old men are fools; but old men know young men are fools."

— George Chapman, 1605, *All Fools*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Virtue is not malicious; wrong done her is righted even when men grant they err."

— George Chapman, 1606, *Monsieur D'Olive*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Each natural agent works but to this end, - To render that it works on like itself."

— George Chapman, 1607, *Bussy D'Ambois*, Act III. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "He is at no end of his actions blest whose ends will make him greatest, and not best."

— George Chapman, 1608, *The Conspiracy and Tragedy of Charles, Duke of Byron*, Act V. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "His deeds inimitable, like the sea that shuts still as it opes, and leaves no tracts nor prints of precedent for poor men's facts."

— George Chapman, 1607, *Bussy D'Ambois*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Exceeding fair she was not; and yet fair in that she never studied to be fairer than Nature made her; beauty cost her nothing, Her virtues were so rare."

— George Chapman, 1605, *All Fools*, Act I. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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