

George Eliot Cryptograms — Set 1

5 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: P = E

Medium · 50 letters

R H R I I F J P H W R E Y Z R U P

H P Z Z R E Y N P F N Z P H F

U P P N A N H W P R T

I N R T R H 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

2. Clue: I = T

Hard · 50 letters

Q A Q G N U M R D E K O S R E I

G T R H W E D Q O O M W I P M I ,

T B N E K I G T Q S P T W

U Q I M 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: D = E

Hard · 61 letters

P T V M L P S L P V M D U T C B O

N T C D F W H V B D V M J P V M D

I C T G D F F T E V M D L C

S C J O W J B G M J P S 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: N = E

Easy · 66 letters

K A N B N U H V J U S S N B N X P N

U X K A N U B M N B I

L B N V K A U X F : K A N I

P A V X F N S B Q G G Q G N X K K Q

G Q G N 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

5. Clue: Q = S

Expert · 68 letters

U I B O U S Q U A M Q Z L D
U J A M M U E S M G A B M I F Q -
R D M C U Q W I H
V Z M Q R B H I Q ; R D M C T U Q Q
I H L A B R B L B Q O Q .

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. "It is something like telling people to keep up their spirits."

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

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

2. "Every man would not ring so well as that, if you tried his metal."

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

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

3. "Nothing in the world more subtle than the process of their gradual change!"

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

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

4. "There is a difference in their very breathing: they change from moment to moment."

— George Eliot, 1872, *Middlemarch*

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

5. "Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms."

— George Eliot, 1857, *Mr Gilfil's Love Story*

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