

George Herbert Cryptograms — Set 1

7 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: F = A

Medium · 43 letters

F Z Y F I X D R F O U F R C ' T

T P D S M Z Q I T T Q Q T

X F I C P Q I D X C P Q C Y 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: L = S

Medium · 52 letters

V O M B B R Y C L L D C K R Z V W

Y B U , S C U H C K N V Y C L L

W K S U B L L Z V W U B W S

J N C K L 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

3. Clue: F = O

Hard · 53 letters

P T L L V W Q G , P F X F F B , P F

X Q B E , P F D C U K Z V , V Z L

D C U W Q B F N V Z L L Q C V Z

Q I W P J G .

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: P = I

Hard · 59 letters

Z T L F B L I Z O E P U J Y P I

G Y X Z B L F I X U E N P L B ,

Z U J S C F U J L N P Q Y S P U S X

Z B Z R F P E P R 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

5. Clue: V = E

Hard · 61 letters

L K V V H L W U E T X , P G A A Q P

L K V V H O J R L J T O U Q L V L ,

J N Q C K M V U V L K V V H L

I Q Z W J I H V O A E 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

6. Clue: A = N

Medium · 61 letters

Z C O G U G H A M Q D A F M H A

Q G X Q H C G A H L Z O D A F ,

Z C D F R Q H X D M M Q H Q J C

D S C Z G V D A M Q Z D A 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

7. Clue: G = E

Medium · 67 letters

F W H G B E P G B H L G :

I E B X T I D M W I I G G F W

N T G ; W C W L N B A X T M X

I G G F J T B Q E J B , D H E A J

B A E B X G H G P 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. "A dwarf on a giant's shoulders sees farther of the two."

— George Herbert, 1640, *Jacula Prudentum* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "If goodness lead him not, yet weariness may toss him to my breast."

— George Herbert, 1633, *The Temple, The Pulley* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright, The bridal of the earth and sky."

— George Herbert, 1633, *The Temple, Virtue* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "A verse may find him who a sermon flies, And turn delight into a sacrifice."

— George Herbert, 1633, *The Temple, The Church Porch* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses, A box where sweets compacted lie."

— George Herbert, 1633, *The Temple, Virtue* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Religion stands on tiptoe in our land, Ready to pass to the American strand."

— George Herbert, 1633, *The Temple, The Church Militant* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

7. "Dare to be true: nothing can need a lie; A fault which needs it most, grows two thereby."

— George Herbert, 1633, *The Temple, The Church Porch* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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