

Izaak Walton Cryptograms — Set 1

4 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: G = R

Medium · 40 letters

P N O K G O Q P

Y O L G O P Q G F R Z

I Q P C G O , - Y J G

Z G Q I L J Y D Q L R 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: P = E

Expert · 43 letters

Y O Q X F O Q F I

I C R P V K Y Z X F J P

U C P Z B W , - R P O Y B P

Z C M P M C B O I 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

3. Clue: Q = O

Expert · 51 letters

A Q Q H V Q C O J Z R J Z H

A Q Q H H K D V Q M U D T

J U T W E T P T U R

D K Z T I D Q S P K U W M T .

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: C = O

Hard · 54 letters

K L M Q H M Q L C A T Z F K

M Q K C C V C C H A C O

F G S X P K F G V W Z O Q ,

C O E Z O S L C G Z Q K

T Z 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

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. "The great secretary of Nature, - Sir Francis Bacon."

— Izaak Walton, 1670, *The Life of Mr. George Herbert, Life of Herbert (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "Angling is somewhat like poetry, - men are to be born so."

— Izaak Walton, 1653, *The Complete Angler, Part I. Chap. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

3. "Good company and good discourse are the very sinews of virtue."

— Izaak Walton, 1653, *The Complete Angler, Part I. Chap. II (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

4. "This dish of meat is too good for any but anglers, or very honest men."

— Izaak Walton, 1653, *The Complete Angler, Part I. Chap. 8 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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