

John Dryden 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: V = L

Hard · 40 letters

K Q P B Z V V M C V G S N B

B K L C R F K Q , Z R H Z V V

Z M G Y C N B F L Z A 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

2. Clue: F = O

Medium · 41 letters

G W L T X V F U Q X H D F S T F Y

E W D , W B H U F F P I F A B S

D G U U E F T D 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

3. Clue: R = O

Expert · 42 letters

A R S C O B L R C E L T Q O J M P Q

K R M P Q C R H A R S C

V Q D R M O R L M R K 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

4. Clue: P = E

Medium · 54 letters

Z D O V W T V Q , K Z C

D V O T P W ' D Z E P S I K T J ,

J F P B Z R P C Z K L P V S J X T

C P Q P Q L P C X P J .

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: S = E

Medium · 55 letters

X J L I F I S F X S Q Z M X S ,
 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
 Z B S S F F I S A G S Q Z M X S , -
 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
 Z B S S F J Z A G S Q Z M X S
 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
 Q U F S X A Q J Y .
 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

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. "Thus all below is strength, and all above is grace."

— John Dryden, 1694, *To My Dear Friend Mr. Congreve, Epistle to Congreve. Line 19* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "I am resolved to grow fat, and look young till forty."

— John Dryden, 1668, *Secret Love, or The Maiden Queen, Act III. Sc. 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Your ignorance is the mother of your devotion to me."

— John Dryden, 1668, *Secret Love, or The Maiden Queen, Act I. Sc. 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Old as I am, for ladies' love unfit, The power of beauty I remember yet."

— John Dryden, 1700, *Cymon and Iphigenia, Line 1* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Rich the treasure, Sweet the pleasure, - Sweet is pleasure after pain."

— John Dryden, 1697, *Alexander's Feast, Line 58* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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