

# John Dryden Cryptograms — Set 2

4 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: K = D

Expert · 65 letters

G M O L Q K H Z P R F M P N L Q C ;

N Q K Z D K M U M Q K ,

N X N L Q C H R Z I F

S I K X P M Q H , R Z I F

K M E N F H M K U F L M Q 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: C = T

Medium · 69 letters

C G S J Y Y U Y J I V C N X S

A C Y Y W F D C G A C N L D W

S B S A V I W T V L D I T

P Y N C G , C G V C C S A C D J D S W

A N X L X D A S .

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 = E

Expert · 71 letters

B S I Y X P B F O F Z P F H D

K Y I F , O B Y Z F O F S Q B P W

Z F D Z F X C Y O Z S D X S P

O Y H K Z U D K B F U E F D C W

F C Y T J F D R 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

## 4. Clue: A = E

Medium · 71 letters

O G A P V N F V D P G A D S G A

V C L P I M A D D M A P G

P Y Y F A I , P M I V Q F M

X P G V F V F C M D I C V Q A F G

Z C S M I D I F H F I 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

**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. "Be kind to my remains; and oh defend, Against your judgment, your departed friend!"

— John Dryden, 1694, *To My Dear Friend Mr. Congreve, Epistle to Congreve. Line 72* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "The fool of nature stood with stupid eyes and gaping mouth, that testified surprise."

— John Dryden, 1700, *Cymon and Iphigenia, Line 107* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Him of the western dome, whose weighty sense Flows in fit words and heavenly eloquence."

— John Dryden, 1681, *Absalom and Achitophel, Part I. Line 868* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Great wits are sure to madness near allied, And thin partitions do their bounds divide."

— John Dryden, 1681, *Absalom and Achitophel, Part I. Line 163* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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