

John Milton Cryptograms — Set 1

6 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: C = R

Expert · 40 letters

P W R B C I F B Z F L R K C M M V

M V X C L W H F A W N B Q O

Z I L C - U C M M 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

2. Clue: V = E

Expert · 40 letters

N V D U V B N A J H V Q S F Y

H A U R , Z U T X I A Q T F N V

Q Y S F W K N W J 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

3. Clue: Y = O

Hard · 40 letters

A Y Y Q , W S T R Y E T

P Y R R V C M P L W T Q , R Y E T

L U V C Q L C W A E Y B 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: C = S

Expert · 41 letters

F P N X U V C , M X Q L U R F L X U C ,

I N L U G V M X Q C , B L N F J V C ,

I X S V N 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

5. Clue: B = I

Hard · 42 letters

U B W B Q B S L Y W G K X Y , E N W

Z S O W G O W B S O Y , N O M

E U S C B O Q E G G 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

6. Clue: H = O

Expert · 42 letters

X F H K J F X V X F B X

U H P K L X B Q N G H U Y

F B Q G H L S H K V L K G Z Y Q 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

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 wordsOF 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. "Under the shady roof of branching elm star-proof."

— John Milton, 1645, *Arcades*, Line 88 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "He knew Himself to sing, and build the lofty rhyme."

— John Milton, 1638, *Lycidas*, Line 10 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Good, the more Communicated, more abundant grows."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book V. Line 71 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Thrones, Dominations, Princedoms, Virtues, Powers."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book V. Line 601 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Litigious terms, fat contentions, and flowing fees."

— John Milton, 1644, *Of Education*, Tractate of Education (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Thoughts that voluntary move Harmonious numbers."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book III. Line 37 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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