

# Jonathan Swift 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: L = O

Medium · 42 letters

J L T L F O K A P M A Q D B

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U L Y P A P D Q L L J O L U W

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D S Y D A J L S D P L Q H ?

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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

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2. Clue: Q = A

Medium · 45 letters

G L Q I O W O T Z G E O Q

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W Q U D O U : G X L Q Z Z J U B C

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Q X W Q M Q X Q S B U S B G X O .

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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

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3. Clue: C = E

Expert · 46 letters

M N F Q C E X Y C E C V J I C

T C M S E C M S E G X, J F I

R J F I X T C M S E C G F N L C X.

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: O = E

Hard · 49 letters

X O G Z S T O W Z B C O B M A M

L M G N M E Z B D B C O

N S K R W X J D T K O W G P

O L W G O G B.

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: W = E

Medium · 50 letters

Z W I B J W O N B Y B Q N A C

Z O M Q W E O R O A G G W K W Q N A

M B V R Q B P W N A Z O M I W B N .

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. "Do you think I was born in a wood to be afraid of an owl?"

— Jonathan Swift, 1738, *Polite Conversation, Dialogue I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

#### 2. "I have fed like a farmer: I shall grow as fat as a porpoise."

— Jonathan Swift, 1738, *Polite Conversation, Dialogue II* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

#### 3. "Fingers were made before forks, and hands before knives."

— Jonathan Swift, 1738, *Polite Conversation, Dialogue II* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

#### 4. "Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being eminent."

— Jonathan Swift, 1706, *Thoughts on Various Subjects* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

#### 5. "He made it a part of his religion never to say grace to his meat."

— Jonathan Swift, 1704, *A Tale of a Tub, Sect. XI* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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