

Jonathan Swift Cryptograms — Set 3

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: Q = T

Hard · 65 letters

Q T L D L Z Q S Y K Q Y H Z P U

Q T L F Y H E S M H L S Y K Q Y H

S P L Q , S Y K Q Y H V I P L Q ,

M U S S Y K Q Y H G L H H X G M U .

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: J = T

Medium · 84 letters

R J R H T G T M R G , J I T J

J I U H A J U B I U G

A S A K L F U Y L T Q Q U B H J I A

H A V U Z Y D Q T V A I T S A T Z

C Z Y U C F J A Y J R J Q A J U

J I A O R K H 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

3. Clue: T = E

Medium · 96 letters

I M T W T P E L A R M D E L B T R

U P W W X P J T E P W T M P Z Z D

X E Q T Y P V E T D L V A J

O P G X T E E Z T A G I M T X W

I X U T X A U P N X A J A T I E ,

A L I X A U P N X A J Y P J T E .

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: B = E

Medium · 118 letters

L B F K B P R F J B F M G L C Y K ,
X R B P C R B Q K B B C F
X R F H B , C Y U H V P E R V K
Y G C F P B K W C Q C G D D Q
X F Q Y U F K G L B K B P C , C Y
N V J B Z C R V K U Z Y K
H F Q V P E J V Y H B P C R F P N L
G W Y P C R B L R V W .

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)

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Answer key

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1. "The best doctors in the world are Doctor Diet, Doctor Quiet, and Doctor Merryman."

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

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

2. "It is a maxim, that those to whom everybody allows the second place have an undoubted title to the first."

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

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

3. "The reason why so few marriages are happy is because young ladies spend their time in making nets, not in making cages."

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

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

4. "Seamen have a custom, when they meet a whale, to fling him out an empty tub by way of amusement, to divert him from laying violent hands upon the ship."

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

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