

Miguel de Cervantes Cryptograms — Set 1

6 puzzles · Large 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: M = A

Hard · 41 letters

M Y Q F Q S H L M Y B

S O Z W T M A F Z S O M

F O Z S Q H Y M X I M V B

W S H E 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

2. Clue: W = O

Hard · 42 letters

P L B H Z W W S U V W F

T W W I , L B N J W P C

G W P C O G W F B

U G C P O C I A C O .

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 = E

Hard · 43 letters

Q P R D P J B E W Z E A X

P W U R Z R Y V C J U I O Q

Q P R C A B M A X J

Y A Y R Z 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: O = T

Hard · 43 letters

T K W Y L Y Q F O O E Z O ,

Z A H M Y O O E Y C J X M H

X F Q ; O E Y X Y K ' M M

G O K B 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

5. Clue: T = E

Hard · 45 letters

Y R T W Z R T R T Q K

Q A R T G , Q P P Z R T

H T H I T X G M Q X Z Q O T

B U Z R T M Q E 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

6. Clue: E = A

Medium · 45 letters

U N U E V E G X E H Q G

N R N H P O E G ' V W X E D ,

E G T E S Q G I N H Q G

N R N H P Z Q 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 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 apostropheT (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D
(I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Are we to mark this day with a white or a black stone?"

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1615, *Don Quixote, Part II, Chap. X* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "Many go out for wool, and come home shorn themselves."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1615, *Don Quixote, Part II, Chap. XXXVII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "The charging of his enemy was but the work of a moment."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1605, *Don Quixote, Part I, Book I. Chap. VIII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "Give me but that, and let the world rub; there I'll stick."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1605, *Don Quixote, Part I, Book III. Chap. VII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "When the head aches, all the members partake of the pain."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1615, *Don Quixote, Part II, Chap. II* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "He has an oar in every man's boat, and a finger in every pie."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1615, *Don Quixote, Part II, Chap. XXII* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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