

Miguel de Cervantes Cryptograms — Set 3

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: F = A

Medium · 51 letters

N S J U E E W F Q ' B E W F Q ,

F J Y W F X I F K E F H B Q F S I J

R F T I U G Q W I P F N J

R W F J R I .

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 = N

Easy · 54 letters

Z G S Z J C O N U J Z N M H U

I A A M L Z I J , M J G

L I W U B Z W U L O N U J Z N M H U

J I I A A M L Z I 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: R = A

Hard · 54 letters

N F Z O X Z P B S R J I O M J Z P

I E M R Z U, R P X V R A Z P B

W C F U J M O D R

O R F B E Z P B - J I C S 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

4. Clue: X = T

Medium · 54 letters

T P A ' X W E X X P P R B A U Y

W P B A X X P V P E L H B X R P L

R U Y L B X N C P E J T M U X

S J E A X U T .

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: I = E

Hard · 54 letters

Z Y I Q I J I Q I O T Z Z J X

 R E W C A C I G C U Z Y I

 J X Q A N , Y E M I - W T L Y E U N

 Y E M I - A C Z Z A I .

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: S = H

Medium · 56 letters

D S W A C I J B W D D P S C F Y

 D S T B M H O W Z R T Z A Y Q F S W

 P W F , Y R Y H T D T A B V S Y Q

 F S W H Z I .

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

Answer key

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1. "I know what's what, and have always taken care of the main chance."

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

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

2. "I drink when I have occasion, and sometimes when I have no occasion."

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

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

3. "Building castles in the air, and making yourself a laughing-stock."

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

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

4. "Don't put too fine a point to your wit for fear it should get blunted."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1613, *La Gitanilla (Exemplary Novels), The Little Gypsy (La Gitanilla)* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "There were but two families in the world, Have-much and have-little."

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

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

6. "She may guess what I should perform in the wet, if I do so much in the dry."

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

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