

Miguel de Cervantes Cryptograms — Set 4

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: G = T

Easy · 56 letters

O Y U G G Y M U I W I M ' A W L I
 X W J R M G U A P M G G M N G S O I
 V Q J S U I O I W G S M N V O I ' A
 X Q N A M .

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: T = E

Expert · 58 letters

X V K T D G W E F P D U
 X I L A J T J D F F K T
 B A T D F T F , C L W T H J L G E H M
 D F X D G C A T W I G T W D E H .

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: O = E

Expert · 62 letters

X N O A S F P O K F J I F S P O Q

B R X N Z Q G B S X R J O, F J M

O P O S D K F J Z Q X N O Q B J

B G N Z Q B L J L B S Y 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: H = E

Medium · 65 letters

Z H X O B P P S X O C - P B E S J H Q,

X K Q M X K P H H J S B K E P

L K Q H O E O G L K Q, X K Q

D L M S D G O H B K J S H

P Y B H P.

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: X = T

Hard · 66 letters

L X L U Y T U X T B B

F N S X V N D Q V U M X O T X

C O T X F N U X U Z Q T V Q U X

L U, T S Z N G P O X X N J Q,

E N U X D T B G Q Z.

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: Z = E

Medium · 68 letters

N H L W I M M J A B L P V L A

S Z I I L A L W M X B Z P, L W R

I Z X G Z L I M W Z X M J Z Z V

X B Z H M T S Z T A M Q X M K G F

Z F Z 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

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. "A little in one's own pocket is better than much in another man's purse."

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

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

2. "My heart is wax moulded as she pleases, but enduring as marble to retain."

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

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

3. "The brave man carves out his fortune, and every man is the son of his own works."

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

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

4. "Fear is sharp-sighted, and can see things under ground, and much more in the skies."

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

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

5. "It is past all controversy that what costs dearest is, and ought to be, most valued."

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

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

6. "I can look sharp as well as another, and let me alone to keep the cobwebs out of my eyes."

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

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