

Miguel de Cervantes Cryptograms — Set 5

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: E = O

Hard · 69 letters

P E D B J T D Y Y B Q K

G E H O E G K R L E H E C

G K X D L X R X R E F Q X E B O Q

R V Q L F J Q I F Q Q X E C

G E H X K H I D L H L R 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

2. Clue: Q = T

Hard · 70 letters

F Q F L R Q Z X V L R J F U D

Q E R Q R O R U O X L Q V R Q R

Y V A W S B L R M Q I F Q E E F L

B Z F V U G N V B S Z V E V

W U S I L E F 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: S = T

Medium · 76 letters

V D I J S L Q Q H Z L X L N K

G H J F Z G L U V J D Z L F N L ;

I J A K G T N T F S J G S

S Z V J B , F V X , S G D I S D Z

G Q A M V X A F H V S Z D Z I W 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

4. Clue: B = E

Hard · 83 letters

T A Y W G N G F I A I G

N S O Z D G R B N W B I L G T Q D B

A K B I Q W B U D F O W S T H

O M S B O , G T N N G I M T S H W Q

Y S Q W N I G Y T W B I O G U D B

K B S D .

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: V = E

Hard · 84 letters

U O W L T Y X W G G I V D M

T I D T N V W E H V P Y M V G I V L

O M V I O G T I V A ; O W A

Z I V M V G I V L V R J V T G

H O T Y W , U V V G Z D G I

H M Y N V W H Y W V 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

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. "Would puzzle a convocation of casuists to resolve their degrees of consanguinity."

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

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

2. "It is a true saying that a man must eat a peck of salt with his friend before he knows him."

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

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

3. "I can tell where my own shoe pinches me; and you must not think, sir, to catch old birds with chaff."

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

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

4. "Now had Aurora displayed her mantle over the blushing skies, and dark night withdrawn her sable veil."

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

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

5. "Many count their chickens before they are hatched; and where they expect bacon, meet with broken bones."

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

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