

Miguel de Cervantes Cryptograms — Set 6

5 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: J = E

Easy · 86 letters

M N M E N T J U R Q N W K

R O M E J P R X N W L J J U

T M P E J Z K N W - Y R A

K W Q N W - P W Q Q W O , R X Y

X W N N W C J X N F Q J

R Z Z T M E J I I E M X

W X J D R E L J 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

2. Clue: M = T

Easy · 86 letters

M K V I V T R Y M T E V

U X I R X E V M K T G O R,

Y G Z Y M T E V U X I Y A A

M K T G O R; Y M T E V U X I

O I V Y M M K T G O R, Y G Z

Y M T E V U X I R E Y A A

M K T G O R.

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: B = T

Medium · 89 letters

J E B A K C A J B N U C A D

C F D B J K Z ; U K , P M Q A

C U T A I B U J

D B J K O M T W C J T J B

D A J , L R A T B R A K A

J K A T U O M N B F J P D

B U X A X U F W R B L M B R

M B .

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: Z = O

Easy · 95 letters

Y S G T Z K M T G D L R U R

X Z Z I - M R G T W L P U M ;

R U E P E P E I P O W G T W

A Z K U G L S Y R U X T Z

I Z Z O W E C Z L T P D

R D D X T P I W T W X R D

Y Z K U G W E Z U T P D

Q R A 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

5. Clue: M = T

Easy · 105 letters

M T F O F B O F L F U

M T B M I E H H L B P F

G Q Y R Q Q P K, B U N

M Y O U M T F L H Q Q K F

E U M Q M T F I Q O H N,

I E M T B K L Y J T

N E K Z B M J T B K M T F G

I Q Y H N N Q B N E K T Q S

S O E M M F O K.

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. "It is the part of a wise man to keep himself to-day for to-morrow, and not to venture all his eggs in one basket."

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

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

2. "There is a time for some things, and a time for all things; a time for great things, and a time for small things."

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

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

3. "After meat comes mustard; or, like money to a starving man at sea, when there are no victuals to be bought with it."

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

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

4. "My thoughts ran a wool-gathering; and I did like the countryman who looked for his ass while he was mounted on his back."

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

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

5. "There are men that will make you books, and turn them loose into the world, with as much dispatch as they would do a dish of fritters."

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

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