

Oliver Goldsmith 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: H = T

Hard · 40 letters

P N T X B J S W X H T H N K K

Q N Y P H , G N H P P N T

C Q Y W E O J H G Q B J Y .

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: Z = T

Hard · 45 letters

Z V B P E Z O S Z E V Z

K G A X N Z E V Z K D Z D X I

T X , D U X V N F Z G

K D Z S Z E X 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

3. Clue: B = T

Hard · 45 letters

B P M W E V , B E V D A J

P A O S I A N D B M M J W O ,

K M J B U D W , D J W R A B

B P M U D 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

4. Clue: G = T

Medium · 48 letters

W F K N F K G J C O G

Z B G G Z D T D U D

C D Z H N , K H U N F K G J

G T F G Z B G G Z D Z H K 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

5. Clue: N = T

Medium · 53 letters

B O B M Z I U T Y E M N W V

N U O T Q M B L J I U T

Y B N J E Q X T W V M N E M Z

B M N V K K V G N N U 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

6. Clue: N = T

Medium · 55 letters

Y Q Q K G E X Y I Q N E
Y J V E I Z K N K Y N M T V
Q M H V E K G L E N G Q Q
N K V A V N N V J X M J
N K V L .

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)

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Answer key

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1. "His conduct still right, with his argument wrong."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1774, *Retaliation*, Line 46 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Taught by that Power that pities me, I learn to pity them."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1765, *The Hermit (Edwin and Angelina)*, Chap. VIII. Stanza 6 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "The dog, to gain his private ends, Went mad, and bit the man."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1766, *An Elegy on the Death of a Mad Dog* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Man wants but little here below, Nor wants that little long."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1765, *The Hermit (Edwin and Angelina)*, Chap. VIII. Stanza 8 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "I find you want me to furnish you with argument and intellect too."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1766, *The Vicar of Wakefield*, Chap. VII (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "All his faults are such that one loves him still the better for them."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1768, *The Good-Natur'd Man, The Good-Natured Man. Act I* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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