

Oliver Goldsmith 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: P = O

Medium · 66 letters

Y D P S J J S J Z M G U Y F O

G U B G ' X P D L : P D L

I Z Y J F L X , P D L G Y T J X ,

P D L T B F F J Z X , P D L

R P P W X , P D L H Y F 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

2. Clue: I = E

Medium · 67 letters

N B U V O I Y A K Y N I U N B

R M B U S Y K S Y N T X I Y O K C I

A N I Y I T G B E A N B Z

O T V B E M U K A N T S T J I B Z

I T Y 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

3. Clue: I = N

Hard · 68 letters

F M T D O T Z B N G A J I M N I T ,

M I I N B O I B O J I Y F O J Q Z F ;

J I Y F M T D O T Z V M B F O T ,

M X I N V J I B O N H K O J Q Z F .

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: L = T

Medium · 70 letters

O B U O L L X S H Q T E O H Q L X S ,

Y P M C O I X H L P H J Z O S X

L M I S O Y C X Q O J L P X W

M N T P L L M K X , Q M L O J

L P X W O S X .

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: A = E

Hard · 70 letters

T E A A H M N J C Q D L H S , E A

X C P A B M H L D B E L H Q

H A W L B A , R H A C B Q B Q E A

P A A S C U H , C S F T C H L J B

C B E A V L A 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

6. Clue: P = E

Medium · 72 letters

O P V S A N P Y U E A A R Y U O P
 H A U U F K P S Z K O U F N A V C ,
 Y X P P U F Y U O P B V Z S V A Y P
 B P P B Y I P C P F U O U O P
 U O A V C .

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. "I love everything that's old: old friends, old times, old manners, old books, old wine."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1773, *She Stoops to Conquer*, Act I (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "How blest is he who crowns in shades like these a youth of labour with an age of ease!"

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, *The Deserted Village*, Line 99 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "His best companions, innocence and health; And his best riches, ignorance of wealth."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, *The Deserted Village*, Line 61 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "A flattering painter, who made it his care to draw men as they ought to be, not as they are."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1774, *Retaliation*, Line 63 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Cheerful at morn, he wakes from short repose, Breasts the keen air, and carols as he goes."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1764, *The Traveller*, Line 185 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Her modest looks the cottage might adorn, Sweet as the primrose peeps beneath the thorn."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, *The Deserted Village*, Line 329 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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