

Oliver Goldsmith Cryptograms — Set 4

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: Q = E

Hard · 75 letters

U D Q D R Y U D I M B Z C T D ,

Y V U D T Q R U T Z Q B Q R U D

U D Q T D R L Q , N I M

U R K X V B H R H Q R B L

Y D V T E Q M V B H K I S Q M T

W R L 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

2. Clue: S = T

Easy · 82 letters

Z Q D X R L Y J S Y A Z S T

S X A I , S X A Y F X A L N S X Y S

I Y H X S X Q F S ; Y S ' Z N Y G A

Z A J R Y J H S X A I F Q V V N A Z

P X A J P L J S Y J H L Z X Y F S .

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 = E

Easy · 90 letters

X A S R S W X S S C X A H W R H D

X A S R S W X S S C X A H W R E W V

X H Y S , H I E D U S X A E X E

R S W X C S Y E W U S S D H W E

P B W P E X S W E X H B W

E P P B K N H W R C V .

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: X = A

Medium · 101 letters

V A W F T C M W T, J V T

C A N M X A L W, W S L W K N X M X

Q K X A V T X M C M K W - Q X D W,

X A V M U W T F V T R N X F X B

M U W H V Y B V J M U W H V V R,

X A Y X M U C T Y C N X Y X H

X M X A C A Y W S.

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: L = H

Medium · 128 letters

B L Y C O K Z U X B W U H K D
R K B L J R T I Z B L J T L
U J D Y , W R X L J T L - U J E Y X
M K F Q W R C , O J B L K B L Y V
D W N L J K R W I U Y B K Q J M N ,
N Z M L W N Q J M B Z V Y N ,
B W N B Y , N L W H Y N Q Y W V Y ,
W R X B L Y F Z N J M W U
T U W N N Y 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

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

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Answer key

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1. "The hawthorn bush, with seats beneath the shade, For talking age and whispering lovers made."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1770, *The Deserted Village*, Line 13 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Such dainties to them, their health it might hurt; It's like sending them ruffles when wanting a shirt."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1776, *The Haunch of Venison* (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "The genteel thing is the genteel thing any time, if as be that a gentleman bees in a concatenation accordingly."

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

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

4. "One writer, for instance, excels at a plan or a title-page, another works away the body of the book, and a third is a dab at an index."

— Oliver Goldsmith, 1759, *The Bee*, No. 1, Oct. 6, 1759 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "They would talk of nothing but high life, and high-lived company, with other fashionable topics, such as pictures, taste, Shakespeare, and the musical glasses."

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

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