

Oscar Wilde Cryptograms — Set 5

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: E = T

Hard · 50 letters

C E C G E X U

V W J Z U G G C W J , J W E

E X U Q P C U G E , E X I E

D C R U G N G

I O G W T N E C W 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 = T

Medium · 51 letters

S Y J B Y T J O P I H H

Y W E H P I O Z I O I F Y Z D

B Q B P I H I O S C

T B P Y H X T S U O N H X 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: U = E

Hard · 53 letters

K B U G U D S U K M V

Z J V U J G Q U T U S K M

B P T U P Q U I M K J M Q

K B P K J G

X Q Y U D M I J Q 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

4. Clue: Q = E

Hard · 53 letters

T Q U T O M M J H Q Z O S K Q

V R Q J O M Q V D M Q E ;

L X T Q U H Q Z O S K Q

V R Q J O M Q Z S M D X S 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

5. Clue: I = E

Expert · 53 letters

E J I Y P I Z I H R I B R P I

L I Z I H P G N E I L, F L M

E J I N E C R G M R I B R P I

L I Z I H E F P 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

6. Clue: O = E

Medium · 54 letters

X E X F U R O M A
N P Y O P E V O Q U P V A
E C X P Y E G M O U S U
L M X R U E O
B X Y U M O E E O B U 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

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. "It is the confession, not the priest, that gives us absolution."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

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

2. "Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about."

— Oscar Wilde, 1892, *Lady Windermere's Fan*

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

3. "The secret of life is never to have an emotion that is unbecoming."

— Oscar Wilde, 1893, *A Woman of No Importance*

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

4. "Men marry because they are tired; women because they are curious."

— Oscar Wilde, 1893, *A Woman of No Importance*

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

5. "The clever people never listen, and the stupid people never talk."

— Oscar Wilde, 1893, *A Woman of No Importance*

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

6. "It is a very ungentlemanly thing to read a private cigarette case."

— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *The Importance of Being Earnest*

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