

Oscar Wilde Cryptograms — Set 8

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: L = E

Hard · 63 letters

M G L E L A P L M Y J

P L T U Q B Q B I F Y D B I

Q E B L R L P M Y G U R L

U B L T Y M Q Y B M G U M

Q E D B N L A Y T Q B 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

2. Clue: N = T

Hard · 64 letters

N R F N I J I F W G

B J S O N E S O J L U W H F

W U F S N E I W O N J X

B U S O Y S B V F W O M S N E

I W O N J X B U J X S V 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

3. Clue: G = A

Medium · 67 letters

G K G M F Q C D X

K G X N Z B C E Q D K X Z P E

J G M Z M L G X C B B C F

G X Z G X D P A G X Q Z

J G M D M H Z M N G

U P Z G X I B Z .

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: O = E

Medium · 67 letters

Z S O H R V W D M Z A T Z T

A S D X O O X O M G R H F R

F S H D M O

B O M T H R D V V W

N O V A K S Z J C V D M O

I D N D M Z A T Z 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

5. Clue: O = E

Medium · 67 letters

Y O U C Z O C I D I D K O

Y B O I W O I M S O D M

D S M D E C N C M Y O S O

W O D I M M J P O D N J S W

J N D A M J P C J K S D Q B 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

6. Clue: S = T

Hard · 70 letters

B Q J P Y Q P M N M N E Q
S I N S W Q N L D S U U
T R X I S U G Q B P D Q,
N M L S I N S S I P M A D
S U U T R X I S U G Q
G Q N R S P V R 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

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

Answer key

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1. "The secret of remaining young is never to have an emotion that is unbecoming."

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

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

2. "The two weak points in our age are its want of principle and its want of profile."

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

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

3. "A man who is master of himself can end a sorrow as easily as he can invent a pleasure."

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

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

4. "The only artists I have ever known who are personally delightful are bad artists."

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

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

5. "We live in an age when men treat art as if it were meant to be a form of autobiography."

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

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

6. "We live in an age that reads too much to be wise, and that thinks too much to be beautiful."

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

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