

Oscar Wilde Cryptograms — Set 9

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: U = T

Medium · 70 letters

Y U Y D P D P I U X Y S K

U R U X Y S Z R Q, E J U

U X T O T Y D S R I R J E U

U X P U K T S Y J D A P D U D

A R S K T O U X P S

E T P J U 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

2. Clue: W = E

Expert · 71 letters

G A N I T W A T C W

X W E A G W X L K D Q Z T I

I F Q A Z S F F L O J K S

J K O W N I W Y I A A

F W L O J C R J K I F W

T Q A N W A B C J B W .

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 = O

Expert · 71 letters

Y W Y N U P L Z Q G G E

B G L Z G D W G A P Y M

W V P F K Z, K M E W G

T M G F F V K W J P G J H P

N K Z G B Z G D A P V Y M E

Z G D L A K I 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

4. Clue: R = O

Medium · 72 letters

K M K Z P J E P F Z

I P K L G O J M R I P V M

G V R N I B R I J B E Q R N

R L B Q P Z W L R E L G R V

P S B V F U V K B G

Z I P D B R G M K N 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

5. Clue: C = E

Hard · 73 letters

M P M H R S M L P Q M P H C

Q D M Q X C Y L P E F L Q D

M H I G N V L G C P Q L E

E S T C Q I U C J C V I N

L P Q I M T C M V

K T L C P U E D L 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

6. Clue: G = E

Medium · 75 letters

N M G Y B F R C V G G Q G C

N B Q G E Z T G F

X G D O W V G I B W Y G F G

Z T Z N , O T C

J B B C T G V V Q B F G

F G O R X G D O W V G I B W

R Z S G 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. "It is a sad thing to think of, but there is no doubt that genius lasts longer than beauty."

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

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

2. "Most people become bankrupt through having invested too heavily in the prose of life."

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

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

3. "It is very good for you to be in the way, and to know what people say of you behind your back."

— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *An Ideal Husband*

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

4. "It is always painful to part from people whom one has known for a very brief space of time."

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

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

5. "An acquaintance that begins with a compliment is sure to develop into a real friendship."

— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *An Ideal Husband*

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

6. "The world seemed to me finer because you were in it, and goodness more real because you lived."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1895, An Ideal Husband*

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