

Oscar Wilde Cryptograms — Set 10

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: J = I

Medium · 76 letters

J P J V O M T O U V

T Q W P E T E J M C

O V I J L F O

B S C V P J Q L , P E Q S F E

J P J V L Q P O M T O U V

T Q W P E T E J M C

O L V T C W J L F Q L 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

2. Clue: Z = E

Medium · 78 letters

O K D R V T Z K V I

W R O V Z T G L W Z D W Z

I K T J V R D W R V U L D

A Z F V U D . C R N Z W R O K

O K V J , K D P W Z L R T T

I Z T T E U H I W Z

I F H I 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: K = O

Hard · 78 letters

P C V E V D J Y Z M Y N J

J K T V P C D H I

E D U D O G Z K G J Y Q K G P

P C V V T K P D K H J K R

A V K A Z V M C K T K H V

C Y J O V Y J V U P K

Z K F 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: M = A

Easy · 79 letters

M F O F I M I O H O F P

R N W K T L S W H O W F M

D W K F I I Z E T M R M

R K E U E Z R O ,

U T O M R M F P W E

K F U T O M R M F P , M R

P N O S M R O H M D G 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

5. Clue: G = N

Medium · 79 letters

L C A I A D E L C A E F R A
 B W I K Y M W I F K K W M
 Z E , F G Y X W W Y F G Y
 A J D K , E D G F G Y
 D G G W U A G U A , X W
 L C I W Z X C D L C F G Y
 D G C F G Y .

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: C = T

Hard · 80 letters

C E Y B Y L B Y R L X T

C E K X M G C E L C Q Y

Q F O U H C E B F Q L Q L T

K D Q Y Q Y B Y X F C

L D B L K H C E L C

F C E Y B G R K M E C Z K V W

C E Y R O 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

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 always worth while asking a question, though it is not always worth while answering one."

— Oscar Wilde, 1895, *An Ideal Husband*

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

2. "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth."

— Oscar Wilde, 1891, *The Critic as Artist*

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

3. "There is always something ridiculous about the emotions of people whom one has ceased to love."

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

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

4. "An engagement should come on a young girl as a surprise, pleasant or unpleasant, as the case may be."

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

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

5. "There is the same world for all of us, and good and evil, sin and innocence, go through it hand in hand."

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

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

6. "There are many things that we would throw away if we were not afraid that others might pick them up."

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

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