

Oscar Wilde Cryptograms — Set 12

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: F = I

Easy · 89 letters

X B P K G F X F K F T B P

Y B V K C H X G C H T E C X P

F H X V C H V X B P G

A C H H P G V G C H P Y

A C X P G F C E B F T

F A M G P T T F V H V J

D P C O X F J O E X B F H W 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

2. Clue: Q = E

Medium · 89 letters

G J Q R F Y W Q V O Q Y R Q

P W G J T G J Q J T W

Y F G J P Y K M Q X G X F H

M P X Q I O G J P W

B H Q S O L P R Q W, J P W

B H P Y R P B M Q W, T Y L

J P W R F Z Z F Y W Q Y W 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

3. Clue: O = E

Easy · 92 letters

U A O I B E X

S G W W O D O B V O

Z O U T O O B U A O M C G B U

C B S U A O M G B B O D G M

U A C U O H O D X M C G B U

A C M C N C M U, C B S

O H O D X M G B B O D A C M

C W Y U Y D 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

4. Clue: E = T

Medium · 99 letters

L E L R R L W W U V B

 U V O , B V J E S D J D L R

 V M W U V M D E S L M K L M

 E S D C V J W F C V J R D

 E S I M A D L M K E I W T D F

 I A V O E , I M F E S I E L R

 M V E A D L M K E I W T D F

 I A V O E .

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 = A

Medium · 112 letters

H U Y M O L J U P Z U

D O T F U M P Z O P H U

Q O S W G U M V M O H W K M

O R R W K T P, O T V A L T V

I W W V B K O E L P L U J L T

P Z U Z L I Z H O S Q O T L T

P Z U Z W Y U P Z O P Z U

Q O S J Y O M U W K M

Y W R F U P 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

6. Clue: A = E

Medium · 117 letters

W C W Z D A L X A J C Y K

U R H Z C L R V Z C Q A O G K

D A R D Y A S R G N R V C ,

H R O G P G K Z , Z G K W H S

C Q W H S Z G S G W H Z C

R H A N A Q W H P R H A ' Z

N G J F C Q G C G L A

G N Z R Y V C A Y K G H P

A H C W L A Y K C L V 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

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. "The critic is he who can translate into another manner or a new material his impression of beautiful things."

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

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

2. "The consequence is that he has nothing left for life but his prejudices, his principles, and his common sense."

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

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

3. "The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future."

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

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

4. "It is silly of you, for there is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about."

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

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

5. "We praise the banker that we may overdraw our account, and find good qualities in the highwayman in the hope that he may spare our pockets."

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

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

6. "It is perfectly monstrous the way people go about, nowadays, saying things against one behind one's back that are absolutely and entirely true."

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

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